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ABSTRACT

This resource manual for American Indians and Alaska Natives with significant disabilities lists sources of independent living information and resources available within tribal, state, and federal organizations. The first section defines independent living in the context of this population and introduces state level services, mechanisms for obtaining services, Centers for Independent Living, Independent Living Services, and eligibility. The second section explains four core independent living services: (1) information and referral, (2) individual and systems advocacy, (3) peer counseling, and (4) independent living skills training. The next section briefly describes other independent living services, such as housing services, counseling services, and mobility training. Next, results of a survey of 28 nurses in five states concerning independent living services provided by public health nurses are reported. Other information presented includes: (1) a description of the roles of the community health representative and the President's Committee State Liaison, (2) a listing of 23 videotapes and publications, (3) a listing of toll-free numbers for disability-related agencies, and (4) definitions of independent living terms. The bulk of the manual is a directory of service providers organized by state. (DB)

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Introduction

This *Resource Manual* was prepared by the American Indian Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (AIRRTC) at Northern Arizona University. The purpose of compiling this information is to help American Indians and Alaska Natives with significant disabilities increase their awareness of independent living information and resources that are available to them within local tribal, state and federal organizations.

This resource manual is the first part of a research project which has the goal of developing training and outreach programs to enhance the delivery of independent living services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This project is being guided by an advisory committee, which includes five American Indians and one Alaskan Native (Appendix A). The advisory committee members assisted in collecting information for this resource manual. We are grateful for the information which they have supplied.

We hope that American Indians and Alaska Natives with disabilities, rehabilitation paraprofessionals and professionals, the staff of independent living centers and medical rehabilitation facilities will find this resource manual useful.

Independent Living

What Does it Mean for American Indians and Alaska Natives?

Independent Living (IL) is "The right of people with disabilities to control and direct their own lives and to participate actively in society" (Thayer and Rice, 1990, 10). In American Indian and Alaska Native societies it includes the right to attend tribal council meetings and native community gatherings, or participate in family activities. Clay (1992, 43) wrote that,

> ...the acceptance of individuals with a disability by the Native American community is the ideal of IL philosophy. Each person is treated with respect and dignity. Neither the person's mental nor physical capacity represents the whole person.

The term "to control and direct" one's life means that as individuals with disabilities, when we make cultural and lifestyle choices we should not have to rely on extended family members in making decisions anymore than anyone else does. In everyday activities we should be limited only in the same ways that people without disabilities are limited.

To "participate actively" in society means working, owning a home, raising a family, engaging in leisure and recreational or crafts activities, and participating in all aspects of community life. It also includes having the opportunity to participate, as appropriate, in traditional customs, ceremonies, rituals, and other traditional lifestyles.

Independent living services, Centers for Independent Living, and other independent living programs promote a philosophy of independent living and consumer control, peer support, and self-empowerment advocacy. The philosophy of independent living is to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream society.

How Do I Get Involved on a State Level?

Each state vocational rehabilitation designated state unit (DSU), must jointly work with the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), write a state plan for independent living (SPIL) to provide independent living services to individuals with disabilities. Because each SILC/DSU develops its own SPIL, states will vary on the types of services that will be provided and how they will be provided and who will provide them. You are encouraged to contact your state SILC to find out when the SILC is scheduled to meet so you can tell them about the types of independent living services needed on your reservation, village, or urban area.

How Do I Get Services?

First, find out where the nearest state vocational rehabilitation office or Center for Independent Living (see pages 46-214) is. Also, there may be other people and organizations who provide independent living services in your state that you can contact. Then get ready before you call. Here are some tips for you to think about before contacting these organizations:

❖ If you need help, but do not know what may work best for you, a Center for Independent Living or other IL services provider is there to help you figure out what works best for you.

❖ The first time you call, you will probably be asked a lot of questions, such as your name, address, who suggested that you call them, what your disability is, and what types of services you want. They will be trying to figure out if they can provide the services you need, or if another resource can provide those services. If they ask you to call someone else, don't get discouraged.

❖ When you have been found eligible for independent living services, you may ask that an Independent Living Plan be developed or, if you consider it unnecessary, you may waive it. Both you and the service provider have to agree to the ILP, which outlines the services you will get to assist you to become independent. If you have difficulty understanding English, you can ask to have it translated into your tribal language. Also, your ILP can be provided by another method such as large print, Braille, tape recording, and so on.

❖ Independent living services are provided to help increase or maintain your independent living, such as getting dressed, cooking, eating, doing useful things around your house, shopping, continuing and/or maintaining employment, and so on.

❖ Please remember that things can take a long time to happen. Be persistent.

❖ When an appointment is scheduled, get ready ahead of time. When you make the appointment, plan transportation ahead of time, if you don't have a vehicle. If you have trouble finding transportation, let your IL service provider know. They may be able to help.

❖ Keep in touch with your IL service provider. Let her or him know how things are going and what problems, if any, you are having. Remember, when in doubt, ask questions!

What is a Center for Independent Living?

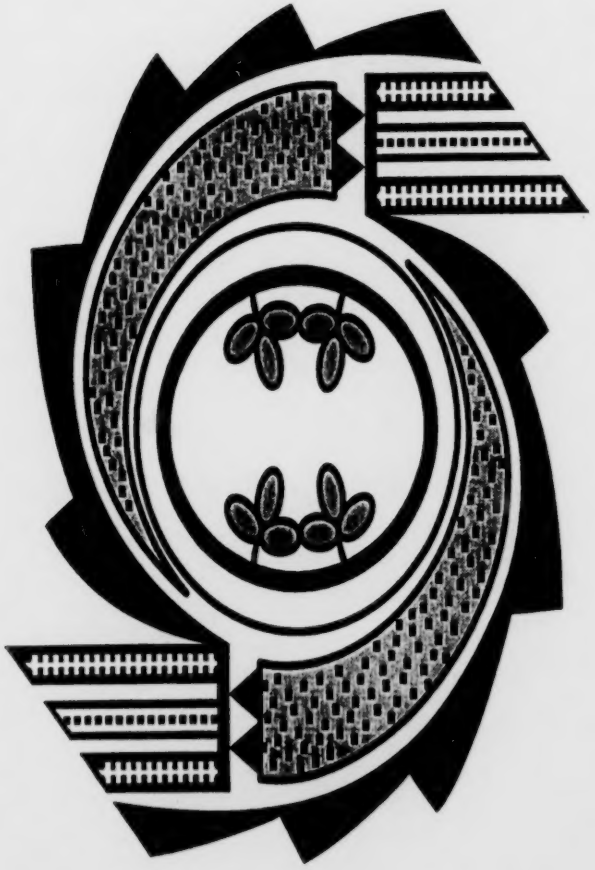
A Center for Independent Living (CIL) or Center, is a consumer-controlled, community-based, non-residential, advocacy and service organization designed and operated within a local community by people with disabilities to provide an array of IL services. Their goal is to empower people with all types of disabilities to live more independently. Centers have to provide independent living core services, which are described on page 7-10. They may also offer other independent living services like those described on pages 11-21. Services offered will vary from program to program.

What are Independent Living Services?

Independent Living services (IL) are designed to enhance the ability of persons with disabilities to live independently, to function within their family and community, and if appropriate, to secure and maintain employment.

Who is Eligible for Independent Living Services?

Anyone with a significant physical, mental, cognitive or sensory disability who can benefit from services to become more independent in their home and/or community may be eligible. A staff member of the service provider will document eligibility consistent with the service provider's policy on eligibility determination. Any individual may request information about IL services under the CIL programs and state IL services and request referral to other services and programs for individuals with significant disabilities.



Four Core Independent Living Services

Four Core Independent Living Services

What are the Four Core Services?

The four core services must be made available to individuals with disabilities in each state, including reservations and villages. The four core services are:

- Information and referral
- Peer Counseling
- Individual and systems advocacy
- Independent living skills training

Information and Referral

Information services help people with significant disabilities to find out what services are available to help them live more independently. Referral services help them find out where they can get those services, and how to get them. The information and referral services are available from the state and Centers. If you need this kind of information, ask your service provider. You should provide feedback to the service provider about how well these services meet your needs.

Individual and Systems Advocacy

Sometimes we need help from someone who knows how to get the services we need. That's what an advocate does. They enhance self-advocacy skills (personal assertiveness and confidence which can enhance communication between you and a service provider). The central themes of the advocacy is to promote consumer control and self-reliance. Training on advocacy is usually provided to consumers by centers. It would be a good idea for you to attend this training to learn about the independent living philosophy, the four core services, and your rights as a person with a disability. Your service provider can also advocate for you, for example, getting services from another organization that is either denying services to you or not returning your phone calls. Advocacy helps empower you by showing you how to work for change in your environment.

Another organization that offers information and advice and helps you to understand the many services that are available under the Rehabilitation Act, as amended (Act), is the Client Assistance Programs (CAPs). They are a federally mandated advocacy program which is designed to assist, free of charge, individuals who are seeking or receiving services under the Act. CAPs are able to pursue legal, administrative, or other appropriate remedies to protect your rights in receiving services that are funded under the Act. (Example: State Vocational Rehabilitation Service Agencies: both general and blind, centers, community based programs, and some recreational facilities.) It also provides information about the services and benefits available under the Act to any individual with a disability.

Individuals who generally contact CAPs are those who are dissatisfied with the services they are receiving; those who are concerned about their relationship with their service providers; those whose

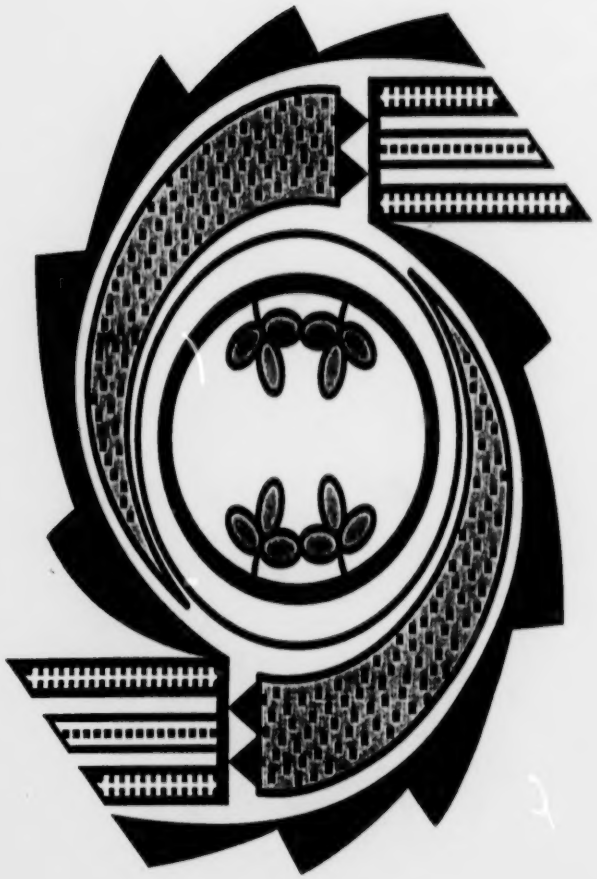
cases have been closed and who want to be reconsidered for services; those who are having difficulty finding services and would like other resources; those who have questions regarding procedures, evaluations, services, or programs; those who have been recently disabled and are wondering how to apply for services; and those who are just not sure what to do. (Source: Cheryl Cochran, Program Coordinator, New Jersey, Department of Public Advocate)

Peer Counseling

This service emphasizes the direct involvement of persons with disabilities as role models or peer mentor. A peer counselor or peer advocate is a person who has achieved a desired level of independence and community integration. They can share knowledge and experiences with you. This concept can include the idea that a "peer" not only has a disability, but also has a similar cultural background and reservation or village living situation. Also, if the native peer counselor speaks the same native language as you, it may help you understand tribal views of your disability and how that relates to extended family values.

Independent Living Skills Training

Independent living skills training involves instruction to develop independent living skills in areas such as personal care, coping skills, financial management, social skills, and household management.



Other Independent Living Services

Other Independent Living Services

There are many other independent living services listed in the Rehabilitation Act; a complete list is found in Appendix B. No one Center for Independent Living or program has to provide all of these services. Keep in mind that services will vary depending on the service provider. All centers have to provide the four core services listed in the previous section (pages 7-10). Some of the independent living services listed in Appendix B that are of special interest to American Indians/ Alaska Natives are described at greater length on the following pages.

Housing Services

This service is important to help in making homes accessible, barrier-free, or modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with significant disabilities. If financial assistance is needed, contact the tribal housing authority, HUD or IL service providers to make a home accessible. Awareness on specific measurements for doorways, wheelchair ramps, or placement of a grab bar, is needed. The following information by Dr. Michael Jones with the Research and Training Center for Accessible Housing describes specific designs and.measurements (Center for Accessible Housing, 1993, p 8). If there are any questions or problems, please call Dr. Jones at (800) 647-6777.

Awareness on Standard Accessible Features

Entrances

- Level clear floor area both inside and outside of the door to provide maneuvering space
- 36" wide doors
- Lever handle on doors

General Interior Features

- Electrical outlets 18" above floor
- Thermostats/controls 44" above the floor
- Light switches 38" above floor, rocker light switches
- 42" clearance in hallways
- 32" wide doors
- Lever handle on doors
- Window sills between 18" and 36" above the floor
- Smooth dense floor coverings for easy maneuvering
- Additional electrical outlets in bedrooms to accommodate assistive devices

Bathrooms

- Hand-held shower head
- Lever handle faucets
- Offset controls in tub/shower
- Reinforced walls to accommodate grab bars
- Open-front lavatory with knee space and protection panel
- 5'x5' diameter turning circle
- Dual lever faucet controls that permit easy manipulation of the flow of water and regulate water temperature

Kitchen

- Counter adjustable from 30" to 36"
- Loop cabinet handles and drawer pulls
- 5'x5' diameter turning circle
- Lever handle faucets
- Cabinets with pull out shelves
- Lazy Susan

Entrance Approach

Ramp Slope

The maximum slope of a ramp should be the ratio of 1 in 12. For example, a ramp installed to provide access to a floor level 18" above the ground would need to be at least 18' long.

Entrance Approach

Ramp Landings

Landing platforms are necessary at the top and bottom of all ramp segments. The platforms are required by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) to be at least 5'-0" long by the width of the ramp. If ramps change direction, the platform must be at least 5'-0" by 5'-0". Platforms must be level except for a minimum slope to allow water to run off. Landing platforms at doors should be larger than 5'-0" by 5'-0" to allow ample maneuvering space at the door.

Entrance Approach

Ramp Width

The minimum clear width for ramps is 3'-0" according to the ANSI and UFAS standards. 3'-0" is extremely narrow and requires precise control of wheelchairs on a sloping surface which is difficult for some people to manage. 4'-0" is recommended as a minimum clear width to allow more maneuvering space. A 4'-0" width will allow one wheelchair user and one walking person to pass. 5'-0" clear width will permit easier two-way traffic.

Entrance Approach

Ramp Length

The maximum length of a single ramp segment between level platforms is 30' for steeper slopes (1 in 16 to the maximum slope of 1 in 12), and 40' for lesser slopes (1 in 20 to 1 in 16). Length of ramp segments is limited because many people do not have the stamina to climb longer distances and need a level area to rest. Subtle differences in the definitions of sloping walks and ramps occur between UFAS and ANSI.

Transportation

This service provides assistance in securing or arranging transportation. Some examples of this type of service include: transportation allowance/costs; vehicle modifications/repair, taxi or bus fare; bicycles; parking decals/permits; special auto insurance; driver's education; and moving expenses. The most economical mode of transportation available is provided depending on the availability of (a) family members, extended family, friends, etc.; (b) special transportation services from other community agencies, service programs, non-profit organization, etc.; and (c) special bus rates, where applicable. Sometimes local community health representatives (CHRs) on reservations and villages are able to help you by providing transportation to medical appointments.

Personal Assistance Services

Personal Assistance Services (PAS) includes attendant care for you, and the training of personnel, even extended family, to provide PAS. The centers usually provide PAS training. PAS on a reservation or village is often provided by extended family members. Therefore it is important that family members are trained to help you in transferring or bathing. PAS provide several types of services to maintain or increase your daily activities such as assisting with bathing/showering, grooming, shopping or guiding. PAS will vary according to your unique needs and availability of resources.

Counseling Services

Counseling services include, psychological, psychotherapeutic and related services. The general goal of counseling is to help you feel self-confident, have positive mental health, and positive relationships with others. You and your extended family members can also consult with your traditional healer or medicine man for guidance or diagnostic services. This process involves your extended family's time, support and resources and can be beneficial in adjusting to your disability. Counseling services can be sought from the Indian Health Services and tribal counseling services on reservations or villages. In urban areas, the American Indian centers can help you in locating the appropriate resource, if they don't provide such a service.

Communication Services

This service helps you to better communicate, such as interpreter services, tactile interpreter service for deaf/blind individuals, and training in communication equipment such as, Braille training and reading services.

Reader Services

This service provides another person to read written materials aloud to you. Reader services may be made available if you need this type of service. A bilingual interpreter who can translate information that is written in English can be provided, if you desire information in your tribal language.

Mobility Training

If you are visually or cognitively impaired, this service can teach you how to travel independently in your home, community, or environment. Some examples are using a guide dog, canes, wheelchairs, public transportation, driving one's car, and walking alone in a city or town. This type of training is usually done in an environment where the teacher makes sure you are safe and where someone is always with you, providing coaching instructions. Sometimes the teacher takes you to a real-life environment to work on these skills, such as walking downtown with the teacher, who will give you cues on what to watch out for or listen for.

Therapeutic Treatment

This service provides evaluations, recommendations, treatment and training to restore, maintain, or improve your functional skills. There are several types of therapy services, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, hearing therapy, therapeutic recreation, drama therapy, dance therapy, and art therapy. Traditional crafts activities, such as bead work, making pottery or basket, weaving, tanning hide, etc., can be therapeutic. Services will depend on your need to increase or maintain your independent living skills, and on available resources in your area. Some therapy services require a doctor's prescription, such as physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. Unfortunately, not all therapeutic treatments are available on reservations or Native villages.

Education and Training

This type of service is necessary for living in a community and participating in your community activities. This can be coordinated by your IL service provider. This service can help you to live in your home on the reservation or Native village and not be isolated in your home. Some methods for education and training are oral information on community awareness of the needs of natives with disabilities, storytelling, or telling your personal experiences of dealing with a disability.

Rehabilitation Technology

This service provides evaluations, provision of, or assistance to obtain through other sources, adaptive modifications which address the barriers confronted by individuals with significant disabilities with respect to education, rehabilitation, employment, transportation, independent living and/or recreation. Examples include van modifications, installation of hand controls, work station modifications, home repairs, adaptations or renovations, computer adaptations (software and hardware), decoders and other assistive listening devices, signaling devices, and telecommunication devices such as modems and speech synthesizers.

Prosthesis and Other Appliances and Devices

This service improves your ability to walk, hear, speak, talk, or see. Services include hearing aids, wheelchairs, canes, braces, crutches, low vision aids, orthopedic shoes, repairing prosthesis, appliances or other devices. A majority of these appliances and devices are not available on reservations or villages, but you may be able to get them in a nearby city with the help of your counselor.

Recreational Services

This service provides interaction with other people in the community and also increases socialization and improving or maintaining physical fitness. Activities can include wheelchair basketball games, bowling, dancing, camping, fishing or arts and crafts activities. These activities are usually coordinated to involve community people and promotes accessibilty awareness. Centers usually organize such activities in a city or border town. Encourage your service provider to contact a center to organize social and recreational activities in your reservation or village.

Youth Services

The purpose of this training is to develop skills specifically designed for youths (ages 6-17) with significant disabilities, promote self-awareness and self-esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and to explore career options. Your service provider can facilitate training for you as well as involve tribal education, tribal health organization, and parents. Exploring one-on-one occupational choices with youths with disabilities is highly recommended. Role models with disabilities who have various careers and life experiences are often a part of the skills training.

Services to Family Members

This service is provided to the family members of an individual with significant disabilities when necessary for improving the individuals ability to live and function more independently, or his or her ability to engage or continue in employment. Such family services may include respite care when you are benefitting from IL or vocational rehabilitation services.

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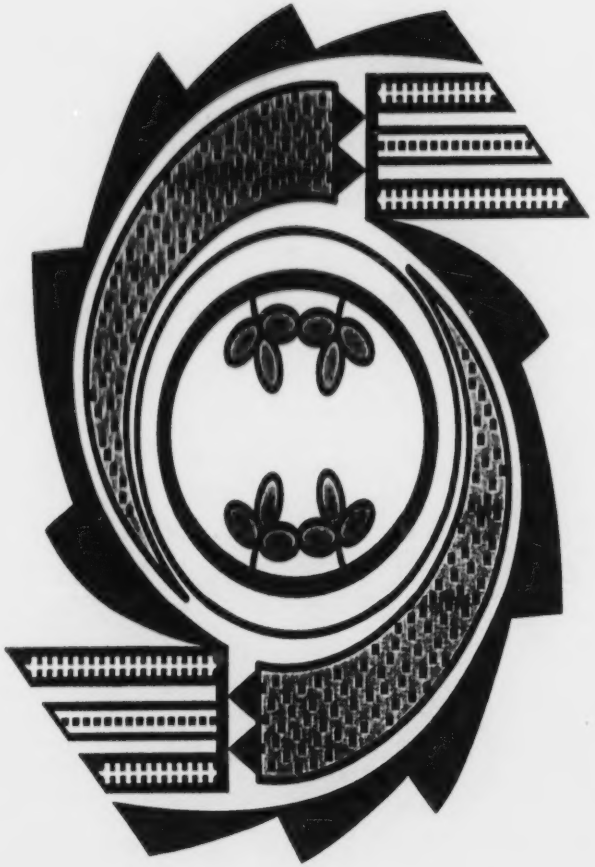

Public Health Nurses

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Public Health Nurses Survey Results

Last year while doing our survey of Community Health Representatives, one of the respondents asked us if we were also surveying Public Health Nurses (PHNs), expressing the view that PHNs deliver independent living services to American Indians with significant disabilities. We decided to investigate this possibility for this year's revision of the Resource Manual.

Consequently, inquiries were sent to directors of PHNs in Arizona, New Mexico, and South Dakota, asking them to help us identify PHNs to participate in our survey. While not nationally comprehensive, the idea here was to judge, by means of a limited sample, whether PHNs are an important resource to American Indians seeking independent living services. In brief, even though our sample is small, we found that the answer is, "Yes"!

We received 28 responses from PHNs in five states: Arizona (8), New Mexico (5), North Dakota (9), South Dakota (2), and Nebraska (1). We received responses from more than one PHN at several service locations. When this happened, all responses from a single service location were pooled and counted as one. Some PHNs in North Dakota and Nebraska were sent surveys by their regional offices to complete the surveys. We asked, "How many American Indians with disabilities have received services from your service unit during the past year?" Less than half of the respondents were able to provide a specific number. Estimates ranged from 2 to 1800, with a mean of 327 and a median between 20 and 31. One respondent commented that:

"It is impossible to get an exact figure on the number of people with disabilities seen through [our] service unit as the computer program doesn't break these statistics out and we do not have a physical therapy program where we can determine numbers from referrals. The rough estimate given is based upon the activities of four Public Health Nurses who are required to see a minimum of 100 clients per month--approximately half of whom are perceived as having disabilities. This figure does not even include those that are seen by hospital personnel--although many of our visits are a result of referrals sent to us by [the] medical staff."

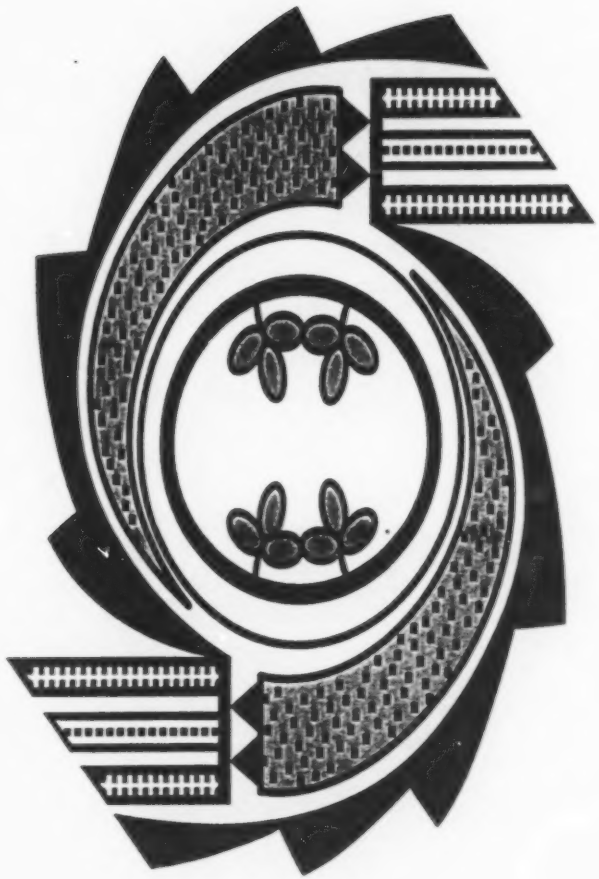
Most of the service units were funded primarily by IHS; one relied primarily on tribal funding and several mentioned other funding sources. We asked them which IL services they provided, giving them a checklist of the IL services authorized in federal legislation. Their responses are tabulated in Table 1. Two of the legally defined "core" IL services rank high on the list: Information and referral services, and individual and systems advocacy. However, the other two core services ranked low: IL skills training, and peer counseling. Transportation, and referral and assistance for transportation, ranked high, as did preventive services. Finally, one PHN commented:

"Diabetes is a major problem on the [x] and [y] reservations, with many of the older diabetics (60 and above) being disabled due to diabetic neuropathy--some with amputations and many others with end stage renal disease or on renal dialysis. Alcoholism leaves many individuals with cognitive impairment or poor vision [which] with some elders interferes enough with their daily activities to render them disabled."

Table 1 PHN Survey Results

Independent Living Service (IL Service)	Number of Respondents providing this service	Percent of Respondents
Information and Referral services (core)	18	100%
Referral and assistance for transportation	17	94%
Preventive services (To decrease the need for similar services in the future)	15	83%
Housing Services (Including services related to adaptive housing services, and appropriate accommodations and modifications)	12	67%
Individual and Systems Advocacy (core)	11	61%
Rehabilitation Technology(Provision of, or assistance to obtain through other sources, adaptive modifications which address the barriers confronted by the individuals with significant disabilities with respect to education, rehabilitation, employment, transportation, independent living, and/or recreation)	11	61%
Counseling	11	61%
Transportation	10	56%
Personal Assistance services (Including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such services)	10	56%

Provision of protheses and other appliances and devices	10	56%
Community awareness programs (To enhance the understanding and integration in society of individuals with disabilities)	8	44%
Therapeutic treatment (Services provided by registered occupational, physical, recreational, or speech therapists.)	8	44%
Maintaining registries (Includes activities related to creating and maintaining directories for personal assistants, recreation opportunities, accessible transportation, accessible housing, and other support services)	7	39%
Mobility Training	6	33%
IL Skills training (core)	6	33%
Physical Rehabilitation	4	22%
Peer counseling (Including cross-disability peer counseling) (core)	3	17%
Interpreter and Reader services	3	17%
Services training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities	3	17%
Life skills training (IL skills training, and interpreter and reader services for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities)	3	17%



ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Role of the Community Health Representative

We stand as advocates for HEALTH,
Our families may be on food stamps
and lacking wealth—
It's not the compensation that counts
(although we deserve a raise).
but the WELFARE of our people.

We work for YOU
in this job where PEOPLE count the most.
We listen to your needs to learn
what activities to host.
Whether it's animal control, baby bottle tooth decay, or flu,
raising your health status is our goal for you.

We work with elders and the young,
trying to mend the link that's long been undone.
Planting the seeds of healthful tradition
for unborn generations.

Every day we strive
to show our people WE CAN DO MORE THAN DRIVE.
With all our training, we should have a college degree!
but as CHRs we'll always be at one with our community.

Although at times things get rough,
In this job, you gotta be tough—
...At the grassroots...on the front line...
Out there where the rubber meets the road...
Meeting the challenge with a smile
and the faith that it's all worthwhile.

So if at times we don't succeed,
or stumble in finding solutions to your need,
Remember to err is human,
and to forgive should be Tribal policy.

Each day we share what we know with others
(except information covered by the Privacy Act),
for these are our sisters, and these are our brothers.
Together we work, to build our community—
There's no such thing as too much advocacy!

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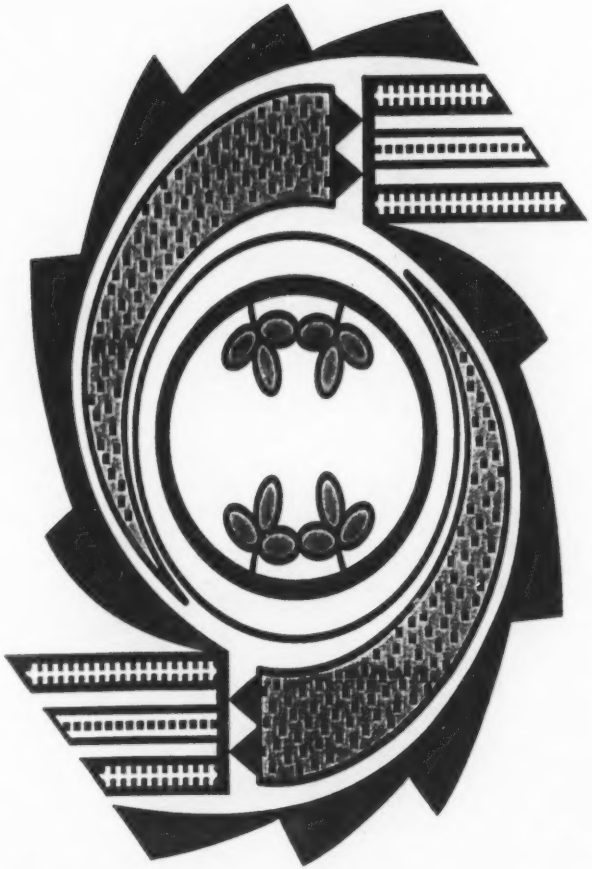
To make life better for all of us,
our answer lies there.
He gives blessings for all to share,
There are many good things in this life for us all,
So let us work together—

Anonymous



President's Committee
State Liason

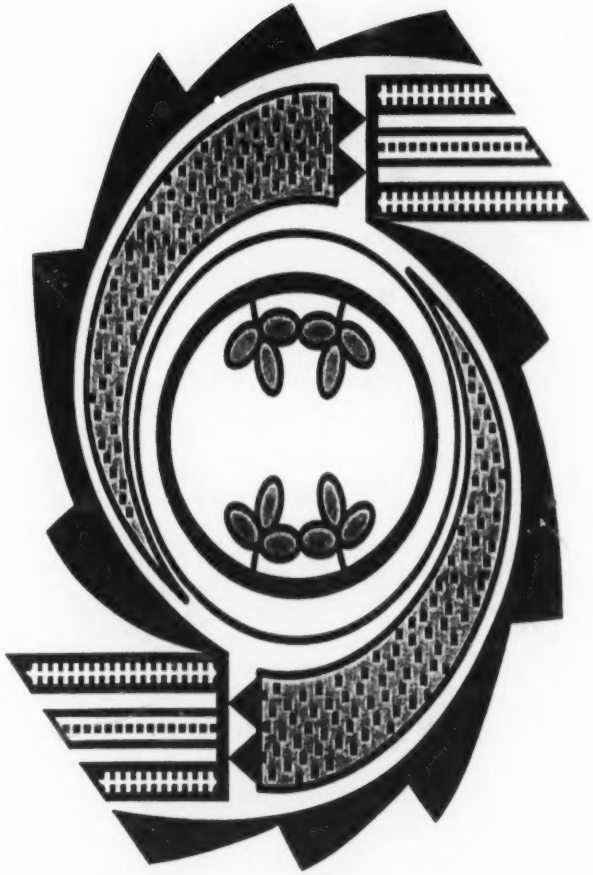
President's Committee State Liason

A Governor's Committee (or similar counterpart) exists in each state and serves as a liaison to the President's Committee from that state. The members of these committees are usually volunteers appointed by the state's Governor and the committee's mission is determined either by an Executive Order or state statue.

Although the structure, composition, and names vary (committee, commission, council, alliance, board, or office) from state to state, al promote equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Many of these Governor's Committees provide information and referral to employees, service provider's, state agencies, legislators, people with disabilities, and the general public. They also assist city and county committees in the promotion of opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Each state's Committee has a State Liaison. As you plan your program for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), you may have questions or need resources. Your State Liaison is the person to call. They are also a good source to obtain speakers for NDEAM activities. Contact the State Liaison for information about NDEAM activities in your state (see pages 46-214).



Independent Living Videotapes and Publications on American Indians

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VIDEOTAPES

Road to Independence

Transportation and independence for elders: a universal need. This is a story of how that need is being met by the Chickasaw Nation and Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma and how it might apply to other areas. (14 Min.)
Rental $45 Sales $200

Ours to Care For

Emphasizes the special importance of good nutrition during pregnancy for the contemporary Native American woman, in the context of her rich cultural heritage. (6 min.)
Rental $25 Sales $90

Order either of the above videos from:
Shenandoah Film Productions
538 G Street
Arcata, CA 95521
(707) 822- 5334

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Mending Spirits

This powerful documentary features several young Native people who are at various stages in their adaptation to traumatic injury or congenital disability. The tragic theme of alcoholism and drug abuse is woven into many of their stories.

Mack Johnson, an accomplished Navajo artist who became paralyzed (quadriplegia) at age 23, depicts his injury and subsequent recovery from substance abuse and despair as "a good thing, a very good thing." Rhonda Williams, a member of the Shoshone-Paiute tribe who was injured at the age of 16, describes motherhood from the perspective of the wheelchair. Others tell their moving personal accounts of pain and triumph as they confront the most critical issues of life, issues such as marriage, spirituality, relationships with parents, independent living, recreation, school, and work.

The program also provides information about new technology and other resources that may have been overlooked by many Native Americans who are faced with disability today. (58 Min.)

$29.95

Order from:
KNPB Channel 5
Public Broadcasting, Inc.
PO Box 14730
Reno, NV 89507

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Ti Ekiye, Finding the Way Home, Mental Illness in Indian Country

Mental illness is the most misunderstood disease in any community. This is further confused when there is a lack of general understanding of Native American cultural issues.

This 1 hour documentary contains the current testimony of Native American professionals, parents, and recipients of mental illness services, explaining what the disease is in both medical and cultural contexts, culturally appropriate care, and traditional perspectives.

$25 plus $5 shipping and handling

Order from:
Native American Advocacy Project
PO Box 527
Winner, SD 57580
(605) 842-3977

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NARTC Long Term Care Videotape Series

Body Mechanics And Transfer Techniques

Set in a Native American nursing home and using a Native American cast, this videotape emphasizes proper body mechanics to reduce the chance of injury to both care-giver and patient. Equipment demonstrations include the Jed Sled and the Hoyer Lift. An in-service manual is included with the purchase of this videotape.
(1987, 23 min.) $39.95

Patient Rights

Produced at the White Mountain Apache Group Elderly Home in White River, Arizona, this videotape presents a short skit illustrating some of the abuses of the legal rights of long-term disability patients. Instructor Mildred Waldelich, R.N., then presents a brief lecture on the "Patients' Bill of Rights" and answers questions from the audience. Discussions are presented of some of the conflicts that may arise between patients and health-care personnel and the legal implications that may be involved. An in service manual is included with the purchase of the videotape.
(1988, 16 min.) $39.95

Increasing Independence by Teaching Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

Based on a lecture given to American Indian nursing home personnel by Susan L. Hoppe, OTR/L, this video discusses the role of occupational therapists in the rehabilitation of physically disabled American Indian adults. Adaptive equipment, including inexpensive alternatives, is demonstrated, and methods for teaching independence are presented.
(1988, 22 min.) $39.95

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NARTC Long Term Care Videotape Series

Range of Motion, Positioning and Bed Mobility

Techniques for range of motion exercises, positioning of stroke patients in beds and wheelchairs, and methods of teaching bed mobility are presented from actual patient-aide demonstrations. For use as a training resource for nursing personnel, this videotape incorporates an American Indian cast in a Native American nursing home setting. An in service manual is included with the purchase of this videotape.
(1987, 24 min.) $39.95

Dental Care for the Long-Term Care Patient

This lecture, given to American Indian nursing home staff by Ronald S. Toepke, D.D.S., incorporates techniques for conducting oral examinations, diagnosing lesions, and dispensing dental care to long-term patients.
(1988, 32 min.) $39.95

Culture and Disability

The relationship between culture and the perception of disability is discussed by Jennie R. Joe, Ph.D. This presentation is particularly helpful in understanding how cultural differences impact on perception and treatment of disabilities and handicaps. This very interesting and stimulating lecture has been edited with live footage from several southwestern locations, including five American Indian reservations.
(1988, 25 min.) $39.95

Order Videotapes from:
Native American Research and Training Center
Publications Department
1642 E. Helen Street
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 621-5075

Family Voices

This 40-minute documentary, completed in December 1995, highlights the experiences of two families who live on the reservation of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and portrays the families within the context of their American Indian and Appalachian cultures. Throughout the documentary, the families: (a) describe how they have assisted a relative with a disability, (b) describe the impact of the disability on their lives, (c) demonstrate their commitment to the family member and their focus on his assets and positive contributions to the family, (d) discuss their needs for social and emotional support, and (e) discuss their sources of informal support, e.g., religion and recreation, and of formal support, e.g., social services and vocational rehabilitation. Service providers discuss their views of working with families from an American Indian perspective.

Videotape $20.00

Order from:
American Indian Rehabilitation Research and Training Center
Institute for Human Development
Northern Arizona University
PO Box 5630
Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5630
(520) 523-4791

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Bridging the Talent Gap

Highlights four case histories of creative on-the-job accommodations. The featured individuals include a lawyer who is mobility impaired, a telephone company service representative who is deaf and blind, an aerospace assembly plant worker is developmentally disabled, and an airline reservation agent who is blind.

Videotape $25.00 (open captioned)

Order from:

President's Committee Job Accommodations Network (JAN)
(800) 526-7234 (VOICE/TDD/TTY)

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Publications

Native America: Portrait of the Peoples

America's story begins here — with the culture and history of our indigenous peoples. Their articles cover history, religion, arts, language, and present-day lifeways and issues.

Trace the rich heritage of Native American life, past and present, through crisp, compelling coverage of traditions, rituals, events and institutions from the Trail of Tears to Wounded Knee, from Cochise to Louis Riel, from sandpainting to the repatriation of museum artifacts.

You'll also discover hundreds of biographies of historic and contemporary Native Americans, lists of tribes, maps, tables, and charts. (814 pages, includes 200 photos and line drawings)

Order from:
Visible Ink Press
PO Box 33477
Detroit, MI 48232-5477

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A Report on a Summary of American Indian/ Alaska Native Independent Living Consumer Data

March, 1996

Priscilla Lansing Sanderson, M.S., C.R.C.
Robert M. Schacht, Ph.D.
Julie Anna Clay, MPH
George Gotto, M.A.

The primary objective for this report was to collect and analyze information on the case file characteristics of American Indians and Alaska Natives who have received independent living (IL) services. The information collected about these consumers will be analyzed to answer research questions such as: (a) How many American Indians with significant disabilities are being served by the state RSA IL services and the Section 130 IL projects? (b) How successful are the IL/Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors in rehabilitating American Indians with significant disabilities in IL services? (c) If rehabilitated, did the American Indians with significant disabilities benefit from multiple services? To answer these questions, this preliminary report uses data summaries of American Indian client/consumers who have received IL services.

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Report to the New Mexico Community Meeting

A Needs Assessment of American Indians with Disabilities in Northwest New Mexico

Cibola and McKinley Counties

January 25-26, 1996

Priscilla Lansing Sanderson, M.S., C.R.C.
Robert M. Schacht, Ph.D.
Julie Anna Clay, MPH
Caroline Maul

The purpose of this study is to understand the needs of American Indians with disabilities who may have problems which limit their ability to independently carry out daily activities, such as walking, talking, cooking, eating, bathing, or shopping. This report discusses the American Indians with disabilities interviews which were conducted in northwest New Mexico.

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Findings of a National Survey of Tribal Government

December 1995

The American Indian Disability Legislation Project was created to help American Indian tribes develop and encourage the adoption of disability legislation that is consistent with the principles established by the American with Disabilities Act, and is respectful of tribal sovereignty and cultural diversity. *Findings of a National Survey of Tribal Government* describes the results of the project's survey of 143 tribal governments, representing over 600,000 people. It assesses awareness of disability issues on American Indian reservations and the status of tribal disability policies.

Order from:
American Indian Disability Legislation Project
Montana University Affiliated
Rural Institute on Disabilities
University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59812

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Service Providers

who reported serving at least five American Indians and/or Alaska Natives during the past year, listed by state

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Alabama

Division of Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 11586
2129 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36116
(334) 281-8780 ext. 249 or 252 TDD

Contact: Lamona H. Lucas, Commissioner

Client Assistance Program
Division of Rehabilitation Services and
Children's Rehabilitation Services
2129 E South Blvd.
PO Box 11586
Montgomery, AL 36111
(334) 281-8780

Contact: Jerry Norsworthy

Statewide Independent Living Council
Achievement Center Easter Seals
510 W Thomason Circle
Opelika, AL 36807
(334) 745-3501

Chairperson: Robert K. Butler

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Division of Rehabilitation Service
PO Box 11586
2129 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36116-0586
(334) 281-8780

Contact: Lamona Lucas, Commissioner

Alaska

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
801 West 10th St., Suite 200
Juneau, AK 99801-1894
(907) 465-2814 Voice/TDD

Contact: Dwayne French, Director

Client Assistance Program
ASIST
2900 Boniface Parkway, #100
Anchorage, AK 99504-3195
(907) 333-2211

Contact: Pam Stratton, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 35097
Juneau, AK 99803
(907) 789-9665

Chairperson: Jim Beck
Members: Nick Gueco, Jr. (Inuit Eskimo)
Roger Wright (Inuit Eskimo)

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Bristol Bay Native Association
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Human Services
PO Box 310
Dillingham, AK 99576
(907) 842-5257
(800) 478-5257

Contact: David Rice, Project Director

Kodiak Area Native Association
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
402 Center Avenue
Kodiak, AK 96615
(907) 486-5725

Contact: Joe Kelley, C.R.C., Project Director

Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
112 First Avenue, Suite 600
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 452-8251

Contact: Don Shircel, Project Director
Jackie Bisbee, Coordinator

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
320 West Willoughby Avenue, Suite 300
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 586-1432

Contact: Edward Thomas, Project Director

Providence Alaska Medical Center
Rehab Services
PO Box 196604
Anchorage, AK 99519-6604
(907) 261-3050

Contact: Chris Hunt, Case Manager

About 10% of the rehab services clients are Alaska Natives/American Indians. They report working extensively on cross-cultural awareness with Kerry Feldman, Ph.D., at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Hope Cottages, Inc.
540 West International Airport Rd., #100
Anchorage, AK 99518
(907) 561-5335
(907) 564-7445 TDD

Contact: Roy Scheller

Hope Cottages is a private, not-for-profit agency providing supported living services to people experiencing developmental disabilities. They support over 300 people in both urban and rural Alaskan communities. Their IL services program in Anchorage supports 61 people with 16 being of Alaskan Native (Yupik, Aleut, Eskimo, Tlingit) descent. In their Dillingham/Bristol Bay program, they currently serve two people in the IL program who are both Alaskan Native (Yupik). In the Kodiak community, there are 13 people in IL, with seven people of Alaskan Native (Eskimo, Athabaskans and Aleut) descent. Overall, they report that 32% of their IL caseload are Alaska Natives/American Indians.

Services Provided

- Social/recreational services
- Consumer awareness programs
- Home accessibility assessment
- Community awareness programs
- Education & training for community living
- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy
- Supported living
- Transportation
- Services for children
- Housing related services

Arctic Access Inc.
PO Box 930
Kotzebue, AK 99752
(907) 442-3021

Contact: Roger Wright, Jr., (Inuit Eskimo),
Executive Director
Tim Richards, Jr., (Inuit Eskimo),
IL Specialist

Arctic Access Inc. has been formed and developed by people in Kotzebue who have significant physical disabilities. They are in business to provide you with the support you may need to live more independently in your communities. They join a network of other programs throughout Alaska and the nation staffed by people with disabilities who provide the following services:

- Advocacy - We will speak up for the rights of people with disabilities in the Northwest Alaskan Native Association (NANA) Region and Point Hope.
- Information and referral - We will develop a unique rural Alaskan newsletter addressing Alaskan Native and Native American disabilities issues. We will also refer you to resources we have found helpful.
- Peer Counseling - We will meet with you personally or talk with you on the phone to identify your goals for living more independently and to assist you with the process.
- Independent living skills training - We could provide small group training in person or via phone teleconference to address common issues and concerns.

Disability Law Center of Alaska
250 Cushman, Suite 34
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 456-1070 (Fairbanks)
(907) 344-1002 (Anchorage)
(907) 586-1627 (Juneau)
(907) 543-3357 (Bethel)
(907) 456-1070 (TDD)

Contact: James Smith

Activities of a Protection and Advocacy system (P&A) include:

- ❖Investing, negotiating or mediating assistance to problems expressed by individuals with disabilities eligible for P&A services;
- ❖Providing information and technical assistance to individuals, attorneys, governmental agencies, service providers and other advocacy organizations.
- ❖Providing legal counsel and litigation services to eligible individuals and groups who meet the established priorities for the provision of services.
- ❖Providing education and training for consumers, family members, service delivery professionals, constituency groups and the community.

Access Alaska, Inc.
3550 Airport Way, Suite 3
Fairbanks, AK 99709-7940
(907) 479-7940

Contact: Susan Louda, Independent Living Specialist

This ILC reported having served 15-50 Alaska Natives and American Indians during the past year. These cases amounted to about 22% of total persons served. Access Alaska has offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
3301 Eagle St., Suite 203
PO Box 107018
Anchorage, AK 99510-7018
(907) 269-4877
(907) 269-4879 TDD/TTY

Contact: Jennifer Jones, Administrative Coordinator

American Samoa

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Human Resources
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, AS 96799
10288-011-684-699-1371

Contact: Peter P. Galea'i, Director

Client Assistance Program
and Protection and Advocacy
PO Box 3937
Pago Pago, AS 96799
10288-011-684-633-2441

Contact: Minareta Thompson, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
c/o Pete Galea'i
Department of Human Resources
American Samoa Government
Pago Pago, AS 96799
10288-011-684-633-2441

Chairperson: Dr. Peter E. Kolone

Arizona

Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA)
Arizona Department of Economic Security
1789 W Jefferson, 2nd Floor, NW
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-3332

Contact: Roger Hodges, Administrator

Client Assistance Program
Arizona Center for Disability Law
3131 North Country Club, Suite 100
Tucson, AZ 85716
(520) 327-9547

Contact: Leslie Cohen, Executive Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
2663 E Northridge Street
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
(520) 378-6344
(602) 542-0077 Rebecca Burch, VR staff assistant to SILC

Chairperson:	Teresa McMorran
Vice Chairperson:	Shannon Pierce (Mescalero Apache)
Secretary:	Mike Blatchford (Navajo)
Member:	Priscilla Lansing Sanderson (Navajo)

DIRECT
Independent Living Center of Tucson
1023 North Tyndall Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85719
(520) 624-6452 Voice/TDD

Contact: Ann Meyer, Director

This ILC reported having served 5-20 American Indians during the past year, primarily in off-reservation facilities. These cases amounted to about 2% of the total persons served. DIRECT ILC was the first agency of its kind in Arizona.

Services Provided

Intake assessment	✣ Independent living skills training	Home adaptations
Benefits counseling	✣ Information and referral	Housing referral
Personal assistance	✣ Peer support counseling	Community advocacy
Management training	✣ Self advocacy/self-help training	Housing related services

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Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL)
1229 E. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85034
(800) 280-2245
(602) 256-2245 Voice/TDD

Contact: Susan Webb, Director

This ILC reported having served many (21-30) American Indians during the past year, primarily in off-reservation facilities in Phoenix or a nearby community. These cases amounted to about 3-4% of total persons served. ABIL sponsors a monthly community advocacy group that includes focus groups working on various topics such as Native American issues, public transportation, PAS, etc. ABIL also provides the following services:

Services Provided

Socialization through recreation
Early intervention
Peer mentor volunteer program

- Independent living skills instruction
- Information & referral
- Peer Support Counseling
- Advocacy

ADA services
Rural Outreach
Home modification

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Navajo Nation Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS)
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 1420
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(520) 871-6338

Contact: Treva M. Roanhorse, (Navajo)
Project Director

Navajo OSERS Independent Living Program

Joe Lee Yazzie (Navajo)
Navajo OSERS, IL Program
PO Box 1420
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(520) 871-7698
Service Area: Fort Defiance

Betty Bennally (Navajo)
Navajo OSERS, IL Program
PO Box 1969
Shiprock, NM 87420
(505) 368-1046
Service Area: Crownpoint, Ramah, Alamo and Canoncito

Vacant Position
Navajo OSERS, IL Program
PO Box 1893
Chinle, AZ 86503
(520) 674-2132
Service Area: Chinle & Tuba City

Amelia Nakai (Navajo)
Navajo OSERS, IL Program
PO Box 1969
Shiprock, NM 87420
(505) 368-1045
Service Area: Shiprock & Kayenta

Northern Arizona Rehabilitation Center
1200 North Beaver Street
PO Box 1268
Flagstaff, AZ 86002
(520) 773-2186
(800) 752-2332

Contact: Jane O. Barnwell, M.D., Medical Director

This Rehabilitation Center served about 30 American Indians/Alaska Natives with severe disabilities during the past year, out of a total of 148 clients of all backgrounds. Thus, about 20% of their caseload has been American Indians. They provide a full range of in-patient services, and also provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy on an out-patient basis.

Cocopah Tribe Health Maintenance Program
County 15th and Avenue 6
Somerton, AZ 85350
(520) 627-2681

Contact: Priscilla Brown, CHR Supervisor

About 5-10 American Indians with severe disabilities received services from this CHR program during the past year. These services consisted primarily of transportation to medical facilities, homemaking, and assistance with medication.

Chinle CHR Service Unit
PO Box PH
Chinle, AZ 86503
(520) 674-5942
(520) 677-3252 (Wallace)

Contact: Elsie Pashalken, Supervisor
Chris Wallace, CHR

More than 50 American Indians with significant disabilities received services from this Navajo Nation service unit during the past year. These services consisted primarily of physical therapy, follow-up services to persons with spinal cord injuries, and services to persons who are blind or deaf. This unit has eight CHRs.

Ft. Defiance CHR Service Unit
PO Box 649
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504
(520) 729-4014

Contact: Ms. Charlotte James, CHR Supervisor

More than 50 American Indians with severe disabilities received services from this Navajo Nation service unit during the past year. These services consisted primarily of transportation services, medication counseling/administration, prevention of secondary medical problems, nutrition counseling, adjustment to disability counseling, range of motion exercises, home accessibility assessment, and referrals to VR/IL counselors.

The following is a list of IL counselors who provide services in urban areas of Arizona.

Al Zulli
Arizona Rehabilitation Services
Administration (RSA)
100 N Stone #500B
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 629-0225

Patricia Serlin-Sreele
Arizona RSA
1270 E. Broadway
Suite 120
Tempe, AZ 85282
(602) 350-7746

Joyce Weber
Arizona RSA
10640 N 28th Street, B106
Phoenix, AZ 85029
(602) 789-9129

Randi Halvorsen
Arizona RSA
4620 N 16th Street, Room 105
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602) 266-9579

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The following is a list of Independent Living counselors who provide services on reservations.

Counselor	Reservation(s)	Counselor	Reservation(s)
Santiago Lebron Arizona RSA 100 N Stone, Suite 500B Tucson, AZ 85701 (520) 629-0225	Tohono O'Odham	**Rich Bagwell** Arizona RSA 1555 Iron Springs Road Suite 11 Prescott, AZ 86302 (520) 445-6432	Camp Verde, Colorado River, Fort Mohave, Kaibab-Paiute, Havasupai, Hualapai, Yavapai-Prescott
Vacant Arizona RSA 10900 N Scottsdale Road Suite 101 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 (602) 948-3819	Salt River; Gila River	**Alfia Fernandez** Arizona RSA 1310 South 3rd Ave. Yuma, AZ 85364 (520) 329-9462	Cocopah
Russ Bull Arizona RSA 1510 S Riordan Ranch Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (520) 779-4147	Ft. Apache; Hopi		

The following is a list of Independent Living (IL) technicians who assist the IL counselors on pages 63 and 64.

Clayton Guffey
10640 N 28th Drive, B106
Phoenix, AZ 85029
(602)789-9129

Irma Rivera
100 N Stone, Suite 500B
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520)629-0225

Eileen Johnson (Navajo)
1510 S Riordan Ranch
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(520)779-4147

Native American Resource Development, Inc.
PO Box 2169
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(520)871-4663
(800) 393-7433 Toll free for clients

Contact: Penny Emerson (Navajo), President

This program offers rides for medical appointments and has Navajo speaking drivers. For eligibility determination we need: a) person's name; b) social security number; and c) date of birth. Passengers must be enrolled in the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) plan or in New Mexico Medicaid before transportation services can be provided.

Transportation is provided to Indian Health Service facilities and to private hospitals and clinics off the reservation throughout Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah.

If the person is eligible for transportation services, the following information is needed to confirm the trip:

- specific medical reason for appointment
- medical provider's name
- specific directions to patient's home
- indicate all special patient requirements, i.e., patient in a wheelchair; family member to accompany patient on trip; will the driver be required to stay overnight?; is a Native Resource Development (NRD) attendant required to assist patient throughout the entire medical appointment? and; helping the patient with each aspect of the visit including Navajo translation, if necessary.

Colorado River Service Unit
Route 1, Box 12
Parker, AZ 85344
(520) 669-2137

Contact: Gene Conicome, Social Worker

This service unit's primary funding source is IHS (Indian Health Services). The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Referral and assistance for transportation
Personal assistance services
Preventive services
Services and training for individuals with cognitive sensory disabilities
Peer counseling
Housing services
Rehabilitation technology
Community awareness programs

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Phoenix Indian Medical Center
4212 N 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85016
(602)263-1200 ext. 1515

Contact: Vicki Lorentz, MSW
Social Services

This service unit's primary funding source is Indian Health Services (IHS). The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Referral and assistance for transportation
Housing services
Rehabilitation technology
Preventive services
Individual and systems advocacy
Counseling services
Personal assistance services
Maintaining registries
Community awareness programs

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Kayenta Health Center
PO Box 368
Kayenta, AZ 86033
(520)697-6143

Contact: Melanie Maddox, Public Health Nurse

This service unit's primary funding source is tribal. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Referral and assistance for transportation
Mobility training
Preventive services
Individual and systems advocacy
Rehabilitation technology
Maintaining registries
Community awareness programs

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Ft. Defiance Indian Hospital
PO Box 649
Ft. Defiance, AZ 86504
(520)729-3247

Contact: Michael LaPlante, Physical Therapist
Sandra Dodge, RN, DPHN

This service unit's funding sources include IHS, tribal, and state. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Transportation
Housing services
Provision of prostheses and other appliances and devices
Individual and systems advocacy
Referral and assistance for transportation
Therapeutic treatment
Preventive services

Whiteriver, IHS
PO Box 860
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

This service unit's primary funding source is IHS. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Individual and systems advocacy
Referral and assistance for transportation
Housing services
Independent living skills
Transportation
Counseling services
Therapeutic treatment

San Carlos IHS
PO Box 208
San Carlos, AZ 85550

This service unit's primary funding source is IHS. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Transportation
Maintaining registries
Preventive services
Individual and systems advocacy
Referral and assistance for transportation
Therapeutic treatment (referral)
Community awareness programs

Sage Memorial Hospital
PO Box 398
Ganado, AZ 86505

This service unit's primary funding sources are IHS and Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Housing services
Physical rehabilitation
Transportation
Interpreter and reader services
Preventive services

Services referred are:

Referral and assistance for transportation
Personal assistance services
Therapeutic treatment
Counseling services
Mobility training
Provision of prostheses and other appliances and devices

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Arkansas

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Contact: Brenda Premo, Director

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Center for Independent Living
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(510) 841-4776
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Contact: Mike Donnelly, Executive Director

This CIL in the past year had 5-15 American Indian/Alaska Native consumers, all of whom received services off-reservation. This CIL provides services in Alameda County.

Services Provided

Financial benefits counseling
Partnership coalition
Parents Empowerment Project
Deaf & Blind Project
Jobs for Homeless Consortium
Attendant referral and elderly services

- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy

Personal assistance
Deaf services
Employment services
Legal clinic
Housing
Youth services
Blind services

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C.A.P.H. Independent Living Center
3475 West Shaw, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93711-3200
(209) 276-6777
(209) 276-6779 TDD

Contact: Counselor of the Day

They report providing IL services for some (5-20) American Indians/Alaska Natives during the past year, amounting to 5% of their caseload. Of this percentage, ">1%" were provided IL services on a reservation, and 4.9% received off-reservation services. C.A.P.H. provides services in Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Mariposa, Merced, and Madera Counties.

Services Provided

- Advocacy in the community
- Personal assistance services
- Communication assistance
- Financial benefits counseling
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Advocacy with Individual
- Housing
- Community education
- Attendant referral

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Independent Living Services of Northern California
555 Rio Lindo Avenue, Suite B
Chico, CA 95926
(916) 893-8527 Voice/TDD

Contact: Rocky Burkes, Executive Director
Ron Wicks, Assistant Director of Services

They report providing IL services for some (5-20) American Indians/Alaska Natives during the past year, amounting to less than 1% of their caseload. All of these were off-reservation services. They offer services to persons with severe disabilities residing in Butte, Glenn, Tehama and Shasta Counties.

Services Provided

Pre-employment training
Rehabilitation technology
Surveys & directories
Provider referral
Services for children
Housing referral
Housing related services
Referrals to enhance independent living
✣ Independent living skills training
✣ Individual & systems advocacy
✣ Information and referral
✣ Peer counseling
Referrals to VR/IL counseling
Home accessibility assessment
Independent living rehabilitation
Community awareness programs
Adjustment to disability counseling
Personal assistance/attendant care
Consumer information programs
Patient & family advocacy

Independent Living Center of Southern California, Inc.
1927 Eye Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(805) 325-1063
(805) 325- 3092 TDD

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Executive Director

They report providing IL services for some (5-20) American Indians/Alaska Natives during the past year, amounting to about 2% of their caseload. All of these were off-reservation services.

Services Provided

Attendant referrals
Deaf services
Client assistance program
Equipment loans
Homemaking/horticultural training
✣ Independent living skills training
✣ Information and referral
✣ Peer counseling
✣ Individual & systems advocacy
Roommates
Housing assistance
Job match
Emergency shelter

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(714) 772-921-9916 (The Clubhouse)
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Sharon McCrary, Information and Referral Coordinator

South County Branch Office
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This ILC reports having an independent living caseload which included many (21-50) American Indians or Alaska Natives during the past year, about 2% of their IL caseload. All of these were off-reservation services. They serve residents who are severely disabled of Orange County, and also have offices in Riverside, and Orange [(714) 921-9916], where a special facility called *The Clubhouse* is located (for persons with Traumatic Brain Injury).

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Dale McIntosh Center for the Disabled
Directory of Programs and Services

Advocacy: The Center acts as an ombudsman for the rights of individuals with disabilities and assists in mediation with government and social service agencies.

Client Assistance Program (CAP): A state mandated service, advocates work to resolve differences and liaison between the Department of Rehabilitation and people receiving services from the Department.

Communications: Hearing and visually impaired individuals receive assistance through sign language interpreters, readers, transcription services and the provision of alternative format material.

Alcohol & Drug Recovery: Substance abuse support meetings and training which incorporate and focus on the special needs of people with disabilities

Attendant Registry: Recruitment and referral of potential employees to help with homemaking, shopping, driving and/or personal care; training attendant management

The Clubhouse: People with traumatic head Injury and similar disabilities participate interactively in a model community to restore social and vocational skills. Located in Orange, the Clubhouse also offers transitional employment services

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Community Living Program: One-to-one independent living training for adults with disabilities who have the ability and desire to live in their community with some additional assistance.

Equipment Loan: Wheelchair, walker and other equipment may be borrowed free of charge for people who are newly injured or in need of temporary equipment.

Housing Assistance: Help in locating accessible rental units through referrals; advice to landlords and property owners on housing modification.

Information and Referral: A clearinghouse of information concerning disabilities and related resources and programs is available to the public.

COMMEND: (Communication Medical Emergency Network for the Deaf): Links people who are deaf experiencing health crisis with hospital emergency rooms through interpreter services.

Counseling: Professional counseling and peer support help individuals, families and groups to cope with disability-related problems.

Emergency Services: The Center operates a fully accessible, six-bed temporary shelter called *HEARTH* in Garden Grove for homeless people with disabilities; the Center also provides financial assistance and non-perishable food to those who qualify based on need.

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Independent Living Skills Training: Classroom work in sign language and basic academics, along with instruction in practical skills needed for self-sufficiency and employment for people who need help with cognitive and communication skills: special emphasis on people with hearing impairments.

Newsletter: Quarterly publication featuring Center news and events of significance in the disability community.

Public Education/Awareness Presentations: Staff and volunteer speakers are available to address community groups on the needs and capabilities of people with disabilities.

South County Branch Office: Offers independent Living core services to South County residents including: advocacy, attendant registry, housing assistance and information & referral services. This branch brings the Center's staff closer to residents and offers an accessible link to an entire compliment of programs and services.

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American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Sycuan Band of Mission Indians
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Denver, CO 80203
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Colorado Springs Independence Center (Skoog)
21 East Los Animas
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
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(303) 620-4181 Sharon Mikert, Administrative Support to SILC

Craig Hospital
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Englewood, CO 80110
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Roger Lueck, M.D., Clinic Physician

Craig Hospital flies a rehab team to Gallup Indian Medical Center for a two-day spinal cord injury clinic four times a year. This rehab team includes a physiatrist, 2 registered nurses, a social worker, occupational therapist, physical therapist, urologist, and urology nurse. They report having over 200 spinal cord injury patients (mostly Navajo) there, and that this service has been provided for over 20 years. Craig Hospital provides a wide range of in-patient and out-patient IL services.

Due to decrease in funding to Indian Health Services, this two-day spinal cord clinic may be closing their doors on June 30, 1996. The last clinic day to Gallup Indian Medical Center may be May, 1996.

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This ILC appreciates diversity, and strives to be multi-cultural as possible. It has a Human Diversity Task Force. They report providing IL services for some (5-20) American Indians and Alaska Natives during the past year, amounting to about 5% of their caseload. All of these were off-reservation services.

Services Provided

- Benefits assistance
- Accessible housing program
- Adaptive equipment
- Technical assistance
- Community education & outreach
- Personal care attendant management
- ✣ Independent living skills training
- ✣ Information and referral
- ✣ Peer counseling
- ✣ Individual & systems advocacy
- Transportation
- Housing assistance
- Resource library
- Counseling
- Microcomputer training
- Support groups

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Minnesota Disability Law Center
430 First Avenue N, Suite 300
Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780
(612) 332-1441

Contact: Roseann Eshbach, CAP Project Coordinator

Statewide Independent Living Council
10933 Johnson Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55437
(612) 881-2129

Chairperson: John Schatzlein

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 427
Red Lake, MN 56671
(218) 679-2152

Contact: Don Lussier, Project Director

Option-RCIL
318 3rd Street, NW
East Grand Forks, MN 56721
(218)773-6100
(800) 726-3692 (V/TTY) MN Consumer Access Line

Contact: Jay Johnson, Director
Randy Sorenson, Operations Manager

They report providing IL services for some (5-10) American Indians during the past year.

Services Provided

Housing	✣ Information and Referral	Self-advocacy
Parks	✣ Advocacy	Goal setting
Telecommunications	✣ IL skills	Disability sensitivity
Building accessibility	✣ Peer counseling	Disability civil rights
Job accommodations	Community Education &	Personal assistance services
Transportation	outreach	Government responsibilities

Personal development skills (Oral communication, listening skills, non-offensive feedback, empowerment, business meetings, parliamentary procedures.)

Minnesota State Council on Disability
121 East 7th Place, Suite 107
St. Paul, MN 55101
(612) 296-1743
(800) 948-8913 (Minnesota only)

Contact: Clell Hemphill, Director

Mississippi

Department of Rehabilitative Services
PO Box 1698
Jackson, MS 39205-1698
(601) 853-5100
(800) 443-1000 TDD

Contact: Nell C. Carney, Executive Director

Client Assistance Program
Blind and Visually Impaired
Easter Seal Society
3226 N State Street
Jackson, MS 39216
(601) 362-2585

Contact: Presley Posey, CAP Director
Karen Brown, CAP Director for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 4958
Jackson, MS 39296-4958
(601) 982-7051
(800) 962-2400

Chairperson: Karen Brown

Choctaw Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
PO Box 6010 - Choctaw Branch
Neshoba County
Philadelphia, MS 39350
(601) 656-5251

Contact: Mary Meruvia, Project Director

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 1698
Jackson, MS 39215-1698
(601) 853-5100 Voice

Contact: Jimmy Hutchinson

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Missouri

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
State Department of Elementary &
Secondary Education
3024 W. Truman Boulevard
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(314) 751-3251
(314) 751-5627 TDD

Contact: Don L. Gann, Ed D.,
Assistant Commissioner

Client Assistance Program
Missouri P & A Services
925 S Country Club Drive, Unit B-1
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(314) 893-3333

Contact: Shawn deLoyola, Executive Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
1901 Windriver Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(314) 893-3333

Chairperson: Kent Kolaga

Governor's Council on Disability
PO Box 1668
3315 West Truman Boulevard
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-2600 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Candace S. Hawkins, Executive Director

Montana

Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services
Rehabilitative/Visual Services
PO Box 4210
Helena, MT 59604
(406) 444-2590 Voice/TDD

Contact: Joe A. Mathews, C.R.C., Administrator

Client Assistance Program
Montana Advocacy Program
316 North Park, Room 211
PO Box 1680
Helena, MT 59624
(406) 444-3889
(800) 245-4743

Contact: Al Smith, Executive Director
Lynn Winslow, CAP Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
1206 12th Avenue East
Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-9459

Chairperson: June Hermanson

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Salish Kootenai College
PO Box 117
Pablo, MT 59855
(406) 675-4800

Contact: Mike Hermanson, C.R.C., Project Director

Rocky Boy Vocational Rehabilitation Services
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Chippewa Cree Tribe
Stone Child College
Rocky Boy Route, Box 1082
Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 395-4269

Contact: Luanne Belcourt, Project Director

Fort Belknap Tribe
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Rural Route 1, Box 66
Harlem, MT 59526
(406) 353-2205 ext. 409

Contact: Arlene Gardipee (Gros Ventre), Project Director
Linda Kinsey (Gros Ventre), VR Counselor

Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes
American Indian Vocational
Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255
(406) 768-3488
(406) 768-5486

Contact: Llewellyn (Rusty) Cantrell, (Yankton)
Project Director
Joyce Stevenson (Sioux), VR Counselor
Ruby Clark (Assiniboine), Head Injury
Coordinator/Counselor
Steven Clincher (Yankton & Ogala), Head
Injury Counselor

Montana Independent Living Project
38 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601
(800) 735-6457 Voice/TDD

Contact : Raelen Williard, Information Officer

They report providing IL services for some (5-20) American Indians and Alaska Natives during the past year, amounting to 3% of their caseload. All of these were off-reservation services.

Services Provided

Community living services
Transitional living planning

- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy

ADA education & advocacy

North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.
104 Second Street South, Suite 101
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406) 452-9834 Voice/TDD
(800) 823-6245 In state only

Contact: Tom Osborn, Director
Sharla LaFountain,
Information & Referral Coordinator

This CIL provided IL services to 9-12 American Indians during the past year. About 20% of their clients are American Indian. Of these, 90% were provided services on four reservations: Blackfoot, Ft. Peck, Rocky Boy, and Ft. Belknap.

Services Provided

Service coordination
Assistive technology
Housing related services
Consumer information programs
Surveys & directories
Home accessibility assessment
Community awareness programs
Education/training for community living

- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy

Home ownership
Mobility training
Rehabilitation technology
Preventive services
Assistive device training
Services for children
Adjustment to disability counseling
Consumer information programs

Summit Independent Living Center, Inc.
1900 Brooks Street, Suite 120
Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 728-1630 Voice/TTD

Contact: Jude Monson, Education Coordinator

Satellite office on Flathead Reservation
318 Main Street
Ronan, MT 59864
(406) 676-0190

Contact: Patrick Gowen

This CIL serves people with a variety of disabilities which may include mobility impairments, neurological disorders, hearing impairments, learning disabilities, visual impairments, and other disabling conditions. They report providing IL services for about 20 American Indians during the past year, amounting to 6% of their caseload. Of these, 45% were provided IL services on a reservation, and 65% received off-reservation services.

Services Provided

- Interpreter & TT services
- Assistive technology
- Family counseling & education
- Senior companions
- Disability awareness training
- ✣ Independent living skills training
- ✣ Information and referral
- ✣ Peer counseling
- ✣ Individual & systems advocacy
- Occupational therapy
- Resource library
- Volunteer services
- Support groups
- Consultation services

Governor's Advisory Council on Disability
State Personnel Division
Department of Administration
PO Box 200127
Helena, MT 59620-0127
(406) 444-3794

Contact: Constance Enswyler

Nebraska

Vocational Rehabilitative Services
State Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor
PO Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-3645
(402) 471-3652 TDD

Contact: Frank C. Lloyd
Assistant Commissioner & Director

Client Assistance Program
Division of Rehabilitation Services
Nebraska Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-3656

Contact: Victoria L. Rasmussen, CAP
Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
859 S 45th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
(402) 483-6378
(402) 471-0901 Cathy Callaway, VR staff assistant to SILC

Chairperson: Nye Bond

Winnebago Indian Health Services (IHS)
IHS Hospital
Winnebago, NE 68021
(402)878-2258

Contact: J. Rixnen, Social Worker
Shirley Poorthunder, Service Unit Director

This service unit's primary funding sources are IHS and tribal. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Transportation
Counseling services
Personal assistance services
Maintaining registries (Diabetes Project)
Provision of prostheses and other appliances and devices (referral out)
Individual and systems advocacy
Referral and assistance for transportation
Housing services
Rehabilitation technology (referral out)
Physical rehabilitation (referral out)
Preventive services

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Nebraska Job Service, Department of Labor
550 South 16th Street, Box 94600
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2776 Voice

Contact: Bernard Shilderston, Executive Director

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Nevada

Rehabilitative Division
Department of Human Services
505 E King Street, Room 502
Carson City, NV 90710
(702) 687-4440 Voice/TDD

Contact: Elizabeth Breshears, Administrator

Client Assistance Program
1755 E Plumb Lane, #109
Reno, NV 89502
(702) 688-1440
(800) 633-9879

Contact: William E. Bauer, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
Western Central Petroleum
PO Box 2496
Hawthorne, NV 89415
(702) 945-2978

Chairperson: Fred Inman

New Hampshire

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
State Department of Education
78 Regional Drive, Building 2
Concord, NH 03301-9686
(603) 271-3471

Contact: Paul K. Leather, Director

Client Assistance Program
Governor's Commission on Disability
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301-8506
(603) 271-2773 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Christy Goodrich, CAP Ombudsman

Statewide Independent Living Council
NHGCD
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-2773
(800) 852-3405

Chairperson: Carol Nadeau

Governor's Commission on Disability
57 Regional Drive
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-2773 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Carol Naideau

New Jersey

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
New Jersey Department of Labor
CN 398
Trenton, NJ 08625-0398
(609) 292-5987

Contact: Thomas G. Jennings, III, Director

New Jersey Protection and Advocacy Services
210 S Broad Street, Third Floor
Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 292-9742
(800) 792-8600

Contact: Sarah Mitchell, CAP Coordinator

Statewide Independent Living Council
231 Van Winkle Avenue
Hawthorne, NJ 07508
(201) 423-0117

Chairperson: Linda Wilson

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
New Jersey Department of Labor
Labor and Industry Building CN-110
John Fitch Plaza
Trenton, NJ 08625-0110
(609) 984-1798

Contact: Helen Verhage, ADA Coordinator

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New Mexico

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
State Department of Education
435 St. Michael's Drive, Bldg D
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 827-3511
(505) 827-3510 TDD

Contact: Terry Brigance, Director

Client Assistance Program
Protection & Advocacy System, Inc.
1720 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Suite 204
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 256-3100

Contact: Joyce Pomo, CAP Coordinator

Statewide Independent Living Council
1720 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Suite 204
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 256-3100

Chairperson: Vince Montano

Pueblo of Zuni
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Drawer 989
Zuni, NM 87327
(505) 782-5738

Contact: Larry E. Alflen, C.R.C., Project Director

Pueblo of Laguna
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 194
Laguna, NM 87026
(505) 552-6654

Contact: Marilyn Johnson, Ph.D. (Acoma), Project Director

Independent Living Resource Center
4401 Lomas NE, Suite B
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 266-5022 Voice/TDD

Contact: Kathy Petrella, Program Manager
Ed Thomas (Acoma/Otoe), IL Specialist

The Independent Living Resource Center is a state administered IL program that has provided services to some (5-20) American Indians with significant disabilities during the past year, amounting to about 6.5% of their caseload. Outreach services are provided to Pueblo Villages and New Mexico reservations on an itinerant basis by Ed Thomas.

Services Provided

Personal Service Training	Advocacy	Information & Referral
ADA Consultation Program	IL Skills Training	Cross-Disability Peer Counseling
		Support and Services Program

St. Joseph Rehabilitation Hospital and Outpatient Center
505 Elm NE
PO Box 25555
Albuquerque, NM 87125
(505) 244-4724

Contact: Mary Lou Coors,
Administrator

They report that 5-10 American Indians with significant disabilities received services at their facility during the past year. They provide a broad range of in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services.

CHR Office, Pueblo of Sandia
PO Box 6008
Bernalillo, NM 87004
(505) 867-3911

Contact: Magdeline Torivio,
CHR Supervisor

About 5-10 American Indians with significant disabilities received services from this IHS-funded CHR program during the past year. These services consisted primarily of transportation, home accessibility assessment, patient & family advocacy, and referrals to enhance independent living, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and independent living programs.

CHR Program, Pueblo of Laguna
PO Box 194
Old Laguna, NM 87026
(505) 552-6651

Contact: Ramona Homer

About 5-10 American Indians with significant disabilities received services from this tribally funded CHR program during the past year. These services consisted primarily of transportation, range of motion exercises, home accessibility assessment, and patient & family advocacy.

Indian Health Services (IHS) Crownpoint
PO Box 358
Crownpoint, NM 87313
(505)786-5291 ext. 266

Contact: Wendy Robinson, Physical Therapist

PO Box 938
Crownpoint, NM 87313 (Robinson)

This service unit's primary source of funding is IHS. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Therapeutic treatment (nursing)
Referral and assistance for transportation
Preventive services

Alamo Health Services
PO Box 1548
Magdalina, NM 87825
(505) 854-2626

Contact: Pat Roven, RNC, PHN

Albuquerque Service Unit
801 Vassar Drive, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Contact: Cheri Lyon

This service unit's primary funding is IHS. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Peer counseling
Transportation
Counseling services
Life skills training
Personal assistance services
Provision of protheses and other appliances and devices (referrals provided)
Physical Rehabilitation
Mobility training
Community awareness programs
Independent living skills
Individual and systems advocacy
Referral and assistance for transportation
Housing services
Interpreter and reader skills
Rehabilitation technology
Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities
Therapeutic treatment (referrals provided)
Preventive services
Maintaining registries

Acoma Canoncito Laguna Hospital
PO Box 130
San Fidel, NM 87034

This service unit's primary sources of funding are IHS and tribal. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Counseling services
Referral and assistance for transportation
Preventive Services

Navajo Nation Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS)
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 1969
Shiprock, NM 87420
(505) 368-1046 Ms. Bennally
(505) 368-1045 Ms. Nakai

Contact: Betty Bennally (Navajo), IL Counselor
Amelia Nakai (Navajo), IL Counselor

Service areas for Ms. Bennally are Crownpoint, Ramah, Alamo and Canoncito. Service areas for Ms. Nakai are Shiprock and Kayenta.

Governor's Committee on Concerns of the Handicapped
Lamy Building - Room 117
491 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87503
(505) 827-6465
(505) 827-6327 TDD/TTY

Contact: Judy Myers, Director

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New York

Vocational Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)
The New York State Education Department
One Commerce Plaza, 16th Floor
Albany, NY 12234
(518) 474-7981

Contact: Lawrence Gloeckler, Deputy Commissioner

Client Assistance Program
NY State Commission on Quality of Care
for the Mentally Disabled
99 Washington Ave., Suite 1002
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 473-7378

Contact: Michael Peluso, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
IL Center
3108 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 836-0822

Chairperson: Douglas Usiak

Independent Living Center of Amsterdam
12 Chestnut Street
Amsterdam, NY 12010
(518) 842-3561

Contact: Pamela Moore

This organization is a state administered IL program which has provided services to 5-20 American Indians or Alaska Natives during the past year, amounting to 9% of their caseload. These services were provided off-reservation.

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Native American Independent Living Services
3108 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 836-0822
(800) 348-8399 (Only for participants use in Cattaraugus, Tonanwansa, and Tuscarora)

Contact: Ken Dougherty
Debra Standford

The Native American Independent Living Services (NAILS) is a program for Native Americans with disabilities. It's a non-profit Center for IL that provides IL services to all Native American individuals with disabilities on the Cattaraugus, Tonanwansa, and Tuscarora reservations and throughout western New York. The "without walls" structure allows on-site communication and interaction between the Native American counseling staff and individuals seeking support and services.

All requests for services, communication and information regarding services received by participants is kept strictly confidential and used only for meeting participants needs and achieving participant goals.

Services Provided

- Peer Support
- Independent living skills instruction
- Advocacy
- Information referral

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New York State Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
One Empire State Plaza Building
Suite 1001
Albany, NY 12223-0001
(518) 473-4129
(518) 473-4231 TDD/TTY
(518) 474-5567 Information Referral Line
(800) 522-4369 New York only

Contact: Rosemary Lamb, Associate Advocate

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North Carolina

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Department of Human Resources
State Offices
PO Box 26053
Raleigh, NC 27611
(919) 733-3364
(919) 733-5924 TDD

Contact: Bob Philbeck, Director

Client Assistance Program
NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 26053
Raleigh, NC 27611
(919) 733-3364

Contact: Kathy Barack, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 12
Tarheel, NC 28392
(910) 862-2472

Chairperson: Dennis Troy

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Duke Rehabilitation Center
Duke University Medical Center
PO Box 3549
Durham, NC 27710
(919) 684-4551

Contact: Mary Maronick, RN

This medical rehabilitation facility provided services to about 10 American Indians with severe disabilities during the past year. They provide a wide variety of inpatient services.

Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc.
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Eastern Band of Cherokee
PO Box 653
Cherokee, NC 28719
(704) 497-9827

Contact: Leauna Gloyne, Project Director

Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities
Cameron Village
2131 Cameron Street, Suite 218
Raleigh, NC 27605-3245
(919) 733-9250 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Cindy Crouse-Martin, Director

North Dakota

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Human Services
Administrative Office
400 E Broadway Avenue, Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 328-3999

Contact: Gene Hysjulien, Director

Client Assistance Program
400 E Broadway, Suite 303
Bismark, ND 58501-4038
(701) 328-3999

Contact: Dennis Lyon, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
Route 1, Box 122
Devils Lake, ND 58301
(701) 622-2517

Chairperson: Jeff Frith
Member: Willie Davis (Turtle Mtn. Band of Chippewa Indians)

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Dakota Center for Independent Living
3111 E Broadway
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 222-3636 (TDD)

Contact person: Diane Medicine Stone (Mandan Hidatsa), IL Counselor

Since 1984, Dakota CIL's Native American Outreach Program has served American Indians with disabilities on the Standing Rock Indian reservation, which overlaps both North Dakota and South Dakota, and Ft. Berthhold (Mandan Hidatsa) reservations.

Ongoing IL Core services to the Standing Rock Reservation consumers are provided at least twice a month. Recently, advisory councils were formed on the two reservations to ensure service delivery and to concentrate their outreach services to enhance the participation of American Indians with disabilities in the mainstream of their communities. They have at least 200 consumers in all, of whom 25-30 are American Indians.

Services Provided

Counseling
Technical Assistance

- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy

Service Coordination
Recreation & Leisure activities

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Med Center One
PO Box 5525
300 N 7th St.
Bismarck, ND 58502-5525
(701) 224-6000

Contact: Mary Holzer, Rehab Supervisor

They report that 20 American Indians with significant disabilities received services at their facility during the past year. They provide a broad range of in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services.

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Turtle Mountain Community College
PO Box 340
Belcourt, ND 58316
(701) 477-5605

Contact: Donna Thomas (Turtle Mtn. Band of Chippewa Indians), M.S.W., Project Director
Willie Davis (Turtle Mtn. Band of Chippewa Indians), VR Counselor

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Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living, Inc.
PO Box 8192
Fargo, ND 58109
(218) 236-0459 (Fargo/Moorhead)
(218) 739-3273 (Fergus Falls)

Contact: Nathan Aalgaard, Executive Director
Lucille Kingsley, IL Specialist

They report providing IL services (11-20) to American Indians during the past year. Their mission is *to serve individuals with disabilities, including severely disabled, with the freedom to choose options for achieving their personal potential. To provide support in meeting the challenges towards independence in family, employment, education, community and country.* Service area includes 18 county service areas: Stutsman, Barnes, Cass, Logan, Lamoure, Ransom, Richland, McIntosh, Dickey, and Sargent counties of North Dakota, and Clay, Becker, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Grant, Traverse, Stevens, and Pope counties of Minnesota.

Services Provided

Housing
Transition

- Independent Living Skills Training
- Information and Referral
- Advocacy
- Peer Counseling

Attendant Care Services
Outreach Support Groups

Trenton Community Clinic Indian Service Area
PO Box 210
Trenton, ND 58853
(701)774-0461

This service unit's primary sources of funding are IHS and private insurances. The following services are provided:

Information and referral services
Housing services
Provision of prostheses and other appliances and devices
Transportation
Therapeutic treatment
Preventive services

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Norwest Bank Building
400 E. Broadway, 3rd Floor
Bismark, ND 58501
(701) 328-3950

Contact: Darrell Farland, Director

Ohio

Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission
400 E Campus View Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43235
(614) 438-1210 Voice/TDD

Contact: Robert L Rabe, Administrator

Client Assistance Program
Governor's Office of Advocacy for
People with Disabilities
30 E Broad Street, Suite 1201
Columbus, OH 43266-0400
(614) 466-9956

Contact: Vicki L. Jenkins, Interim CAP
Administrator

Statewide Independent Living Council
Ability Center of Greater Toledo
5605 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560
(419) 885-5733

Chairperson: Richard Gunden, Executive Director

Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities Contact: Carla Lords
400 East Campus View Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43235-4604
(614) 438-1393
(800) 282-4536 ext. 1391 Ohio only

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Oklahoma

Department of Rehabilitation Services
Department of Human Services
3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 500
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
(405) 951-3400

Contact: Jerry Dunlap, Administrator

Client Assistance Program
Oklahoma Office of Handicapped Concerns
2712 Villa Prom
Oklahoma City, OK 73107-2423
(405) 521-3756
(800) 522-8224

Contact: Helen Kutz, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
321 South 3rd Street, Suite 2
McAlester, OK 74501
(918) 426-6220

Chairperson: Mike Ward

Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 1220
Anadarko, OK 73005
(405) 247-7495 or 7494

Contact: DeLorna Strong, Project Director

Cherokee Nation
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465
(918) 458-4415

Contact: Jorja Calico, Program Director

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 88
219 N Broadway
Hugo, OK 74702
(405) 326-8304

Contact: Randy Hammons, Project Director

PO Box 1210 (Tribal Office)
Durant, OK 74702
(405) 924-8280

Note: The tribal offices are located in Durant, but the VR project is located in the Social Security Office in nearby Hugo.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
RR 1, Box 721
Perkins, OK 74059
(405) 547-2402

Contact: Linda Farley, Project Director

Oklahomans for Independent Living
321 S Third, Suite 2
McAlester, OK 74501
(918) 426-6220
(800) 568-6821 Voice/TDD

Contact: Mike Ward, Director

They report providing IL services for many (21-50) American Indians during the past year, amounting to 15% of their caseload. They mentioned that 100% of these American Indians were provided services on a trust territory. They serve all persons in Pittsbugh County who have any kind of disability, whether physical, emotional, or mental.

Services Provided

- Interpreter services
- Recreational
- Resource material
- ✣ Independent living skills
- ✣ Information and referral/advocacy
- ✣ Counselor and peer counseling
- Transportation
- Housing
- Education Awareness

Resources Encourage Living Independently (RELI)
PO Box 2295
4100 SE Adams Road, Suite C 106
Bartlesville, OK 74005-2295
(918) 335-1314 Voice/TDD

Contact: Sharon Cooper, Executive Director

They report providing IL services for some (5-20) urban American Indians during the past year, amounting to about 6.36% of their caseload. None of these were provided on a reservation.

Services Provided

Social/recreational services
Assistive technology

- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy

Resource library

Kaiser Rehabilitation Center
1125 South Trenton
Tulsa, OK 74120
(918) 579-7100

Contact: Ms. Amy Swartz, Administrative Director
Ms. Leslie Osburn, Admissions Coordinator

Working with the Indian Agency, and a variety of funding sources, on a case by case basis, this Rehabilitation Center has served 21-30 American Indians with significant disabilities during the past year (out of a total of 405 clients of all backgrounds). They provide a comprehensive range of IL inpatient and outpatient services.

Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped
Office of Handicapped Concerns
2712 Villa Promenade
Oklahoma City, OK 73107-2423
(405) 521-3756 Voice/TDD/TTY
(800) 522-8224 Voice/TDD/TTY (Oklahoma only)

Contact: Thelma Rex

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Oregon

Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Human Resources
2045 Silverton Road NE
Salem, OR 97310
(503) 945-6201

Contact: Joil Southwell, Administrator

Client Assistance Program
Oregon Disabilities Commission
1257 Ferry Street SE
Salem, OR 97310
(503) 378-3142

Contact: Kim Marks, CAP Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
9615 Grande Ronde Road
Grande Ronde, OR 97347
(503) 879-2003 (Holmes)
(503) 623-0930 Barbara Briggs, Executive Assistant to the SILC

Chairperson: Tim Holmes (Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde)
Member: Violeta Vathe (Warm Springs Tribe)

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitational Services
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
(503) 879-2026

Contact: Ron Hudson (Silet), Director
Tim Holmes, (Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde), VR Counselor

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Indian Reservation of Oregon
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box C
Warm Springs, OR 97761
(503) 553-4952

Contact: Don Burke, Project Director

Oregon Disabilities Commission
1257 Ferry Street SE
Salem, OR 97310
(503) 378-3142 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Eugene Organ, Executive Director

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Pennsylvania

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Labor & Industry Bldg.
7th and Forester Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120
(717) 787-5244

Contact: Gil Selders, Executive Director

Client Assistance Program
1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 800
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2030
(215) 557-7112

Contact: Stephen Pennington, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
Tri-County Partnership for IL
69 East Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301
(412) 223-5115

Chairperson: Kathleen Kleinmann

Medical Center East
211 N Whitfield, Suite 215
Pittsburg, PA 15206
(412) 363-7223

Contact: Alice Paylor, Regional Manager

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Labor and Industry Building
7th and Forster Streets, Room 1315
Harrisburg, PA 17120
(717) 787-5232

Contact: Carl Marshall, Administrator for Employment

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Rhode Island

Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Human Services
40 Fountain Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 421-7005

Contact: Raymond Carroll, Acting Administrator

Client Assistance Program
RI Protection & Advocacy System
151 Broadway, Third Floor
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 831-3150
(401) 831-5353 TDD

Contact: Ted Mello, CAP Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
250 Milton Road
Warwick, RI 02888
(401) 467-8235

Chairperson: Dorothy Hoye

Governor's Comission on the Handicapped
Building 51, 3rd Floor
555 Valley Street
Providence, RI 02908-5686
(401) 277-3731 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Christine Sullivan, Administrative Assistant
Bob Cooper, Director

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South Carolina

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation
PO Box 15
1410 Boston Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29171-0015
(803) 822-5387

Contact: Charles Larosa, Commissioner

Client Assistance Program
Office of the Governor
Division of Ombudsman & Citizen Services
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 308
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 734-0457

Contact: Larry Barker, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
2809 Magnolia Avenue
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 256-0497

Chairperson: Alvin Corbett (acting)

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Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped
SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department
1410 Boston Avenue
PO Box 15
West Columbia, SC 29171-0015
(803) 896-6500
(803) 896-6560 TTY

Contact: Vince Rhodes, Executive Secretary

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South Dakota

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Department of Human Services
Hillsview Property Plaza, East Highway 34
c/o 500 East Capital
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-3195
(605) 773-9195 TDD

Contact: David Miller, Director
Greg Brandner, IL Specialist

Client Assistance Program
South Dakota Advocacy Services
221 South Central Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 224-8294
(800) 658-4782

Contact: Nancy Schade, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
221 South Central, Suite 34A
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 945-2207

Chairperson: Richard Hicks

Prairie Freedom Center for Independent Living
301 South Garfield, Suite 8
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(605) 367-5630 Voice/TTY

Contact: Char Crisp, Director
Helen Hartmann, Consumer Services Coordinator

They report having provided IL services for some (5-20) American Indians during the past year, amounting to 5% of their caseload. All of these received off-reservation services. Their mission is to empower individuals with disabilities who choose to live independently. They also have a branch office in Yankton, South Dakota.

Services Provided

Community living services
ADA education & advocacy
Attendant service program

- Independent living skills program
- Information and referral
- Advocacy
- Peer support

Reader service

Western Resources for Disabled Independence
36 East Chicago Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
(605) 394-1930 Voice/TTD

Contact: Glade Jones, Director

This is a state administered Center for Independent Living, currently funded under Title VII, Part B. They were founded on two basic principles: (1) the inalienable right of individuals with disabilities to fully participate in their community, and (2) the right of all persons to self-determination. They report having provided IL services for about 30 American Indians during the past year, amounting to 20% of their caseload. All of these received off-reservation services. They serve a six county area in western South Dakota.

Services Provided

Recreation/Socialization	✣ Independent living skills training	Adaptive Equipment
Housing Assistance	✣ Information and referral	Case Management
Benefits Counseling	✣ Peer counseling	Outreach and Education
Workshops	✣ Individual & systems advocacy	Newsletter
Elderly Blind/Peer Support Program		Citizen Advocacy "Friend" Program

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Quad Squad
Box L
Martin, SD 57551
(605) 685-6846
(605) 685-2023

Contact: Richard White (Sioux), President
Lyle Bald Eagle (Ogala Sioux), Client Advocate

This non-profit organization is a group of persons with disabilities, mostly with spinal cord injuries. They describe themselves as "A positive support group for persons who are physically challenged." All members of the existing board of directors have various types of disabilities. Their dream is to build and staff their own Independent Living Center. The Porcupine Clinic, a private community health center located in Porcupine, has agreed to act as their sponsor and fiscal agent. The Quad Squad primarily serves people with disabilities on the Pine Ridge Reservation and surrounding areas. The primary services offered at this time are peer counseling, advocacy, and information and referral.

CHR Program, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
PO Box 187
Lower Brule, SD 57548
(605) 473-5538

Contact: Jewel Flute, CHR

More than 50 American Indians with severe disabilities received a broad range of services from this IHS-funded CHR program during the past year.

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Tataya Topa Ho
HCR Box 20A
Ft. Yates, SD 58538
(701) 854-7216

Contact: Sidney Claymore, (Lakota) Project Director

Tataya Topa Ho 's service area is on the Standing Rock reservation in both points of North Dakota and South Dakota

Tataya Topa Ho - "Voice of the Four Winds" is a Native American Independent Living Center that was recently funded by the discretionary funding of Title VII, Part C. The Tataya Topa Ho was established by the nine Sioux Nations in South Dakota. The four core IL services and the needs of individuals with disabilities will be provided in all of the nine Sioux Nations in South Dakota communities and to individuals residing within a 13-county area.

Veteran's Administration Medical Center
2501 W 22nd St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57101
(605) 336-3230

Contact: Bill Meyer, Social Work Service

As a VA Medical Center, their services are limited to military veterans. They can provide a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services, and have served 11-20 American Indian or Alaska Native military veterans during the past year out of a total caseload of 9500.

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Rehabilitation Medicine, Ltd.
Physicians Office Building
911 E 20th Street, Suite 200
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
(605) 334-4547

Contact: Dong S. Cho, M.D.

They report that 5-10 American Indians with severe disabilities received services at their facility during the past year. They provide a broad range of in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services, except IL referrals.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 109
McLaughlin, SD 57642
(605) 823-4318

Contact: Carol McKissack, Acting Project Director
Ron Yellow (Standing Rock Sioux), VR Counselor
Dan Dogskin (Standing Rock Sioux), VR Counselor

HC 1 Box 4 (Tribal Office)
Fort Yates, ND 58538
(701) 854-3681

Note: Tribal offices are in Ft. Yates, ND, but the VR project is across the border in McLaughlin, SD. VR Counselors travel to Fort Yates every other day to meet with their clients.

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Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 187
Lower Brule, SD 57548
(605) 473-5244

Contact: Maria Estes, (Lower Brule Sioux), Project Director
Marlene Crowe (Lower Brule Sioux), VR Counselor
Bassie Loudner (Lower Brule Sioux), VR Technician

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 506
Eagle Butte, SD 57625
(605) 964-4400

Contact: Carol Robinson (Cheyenne River Sioux), Project Director

Oglala Sioux Tribe
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 1991
Pine Ridge, SD 57770
(605) 867-5712

Contact: David Plume (Oglala), Project Director
Dana Wellborn (Oglala), VR Counselor

Siuox Valley Hospital
PO Box 5039
1100 South Euclid Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5039
(605) 333-1000

Contact: Michele Crissman, Administrative Director of Physical Medicine

They report that 5-10 American Indians with severe disabilities received services at their in-patient rehab facility during the past year. They provide a broad range of in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services.

CHR Program, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
PO Box 259
Fort Thompson, SD 57339
(605) 245-2284

Contact: Theresa His Law, Director

About 21-30 American Indians with severe disabilities received a broad range of services from this tribally-funded CHR program during the past year. Services provided are dialysis transportation to Pierre two times a week, home visits, follow-up after discharge from the hospital, check-ups on diabetes, amputations, and diabetes education and foot care.

Indian Health Services
PO Box 248
Lower Brule, SD 57548
(605)473-5625

Contact: Helen Thiry-Chmela, Director Public Health Nursing

This service unit's primary source of funds is IHS. The following is a list of services:

Information and referral services
Referral and assistance for transportation
Housing services
Rehabilitation technology
Provision of prostheses and other appliances and devices
Individual and systems advocacy
Counseling services
Personal assistance services
Maintaining registries
Preventive services

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Rosebud Indian Health Services
PO Box 400
Rosebud, SD 57570
(605)747-2231
ext. 493 Dr. Flatley
ext. 425 Ms. Wells

Contact: Dr. Brigid Flatley, Clinical Social Worker
Marilyn Wells, Social Services Representative

This service unit's primary source of funds is IHS. The following is a list of services:

Information and referral services
Referral and assistance for transportation
Housing services
Rehabilitation technology
Independent living skills training
Provision of prostheses and other appliances and devices
Individual and systems advocacy
Counseling services
Personal assistance services
Mobility training
Peer Counseling

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Home Modification and Adaptive Devices Program
Division of Rehabilitation Services
Hillsview Properties Plaza, East Hwy 34
c/o 500 East Capital
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-3195 Voice/TDD

Contact: Greg Brandner, IL Specialist
Centers for IL Service Providers,
or VR Counselors

Services provided under the Home Modification and Adaptive Devices program are for individuals with severe disabilities living in South Dakota who meet economic need. The scope of services is limited to only those services necessary for the consumer to live more independently in the family or community. The program will purchase adaptive devices (i.e. reachers, doorbell indicators, eating utensils, personal hygiene & dressing aids, hand controls, environmental controls, etc.), and home modifications (i.e. ramps, widen doorways, bathroom, and kitchen modifications, other architectural modifications to make the premises accessible, etc.). The services do not include medical, prosthetic or orthotic devices (i.e. hospital beds or related equipment, wheelchairs, artificial limbs, devices for supporting or assisting limb functions, medical supplies or medications, etc.). Other examples outside the scope of services are: 1)purchasing expensive silverware instead of an adapted knife, spoon, or fork; and 2) ramps constructed of expensive materials such as solid oak instead of treated lumber.

The consumer must meet economic need which is determined by completing a financial and economic status form. A service plan must be developed which documents the services to be provided and the expected outcome, unless the consumer signs a waiver stating a plan is unnecessary.

The following is a list of VR counselors who provide services on reservations. These counselors do not primarily provide independent living services, but they will provide IL services when needed.

Counselor	Reservation(s)
Keith Rouse, (Yankton Sioux) South Dakota RSA 912 East Sioux, c/o 500 East Capital Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-3318	Standing Rock Sioux Cheyenne River
Joe Rehurek South Dakota RSA 1000 W Fourth St., Suite 1 Yankton, SD 57078 (605) 668-3050	Yankton-Santee
Karen Montgomery South Dakota RSA 315 South Wilson Aberdeen, SD 57401 (605) 626-2398	Sisseton and Wahpeton
Larry Cass South Dakota RSA 912 East Sioux, c/o 500 East Capital Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-3318	Lower Brule Crow Creek
Bob Beck South Dakota RSA Time Square Plaza 111-A New York Street Rapid City, SD 57701 (605) 394-2261	Lower Brule
Cindy Ryan South Dakota RSA 912 East Sioux, c/o 500 East Capital Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-3318	Rosebud

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Governor's Advisory Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Department of Human Services
East Highway 34, Hillsview Plaza
c/o 500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-5990
(605) 773-4544 TDD/TTY

Contact: William Podhradsky, Department Secretary

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Tennessee

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37248-0060
(615) 741-2521

Contact: Jack Van Hooser, Assistant Commissioner

Client Assistance Program
Tennessee P & A, Inc.
PO Box 121257
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 298-1080

Contact: Dan Suggs, CAP Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 7
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
(615) 898-2783

Chairperson: John Harris

Tennessee Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities
Division of Rehabilitation Services
Citizens Plaza Building, Room 1100
400 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37219
(615) 313-4714 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Trish Farmer

Texas

Texas Rehabilitation Commission
4900 N Lamar, Room 7102
Austin, TX 78751-2316
(512) 483-4001

Contact: Vernon M. Arrell, Commissioner
Vernon Dement, IL Specialist

Client Assistance Program
Advocacy, Inc.
7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 171-E
Austin, TX 78757
(512) 454-4816

Contact: Judy Sokolow, CAP Coordinator

Statewide Independent Living Council
8610 Broadway Suite 420
San Antonio, TX 78217
(512) 707-2215

Chairperson: Carl Wright

The following is a list of Texas Rehabilitation Commission independent living counselors who have provided services to American Indians.

Counselor
John McCann
TRC- Austin North Field Office
5203 Cameron Road, Suite A
Austin, TX 78723
(512) 458-9121

Counselor
Ed Estrada
TRC - Central Field Office
6585 Montana, Bldg. S, Suite 600
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 778-7714

Counselor
David Freemeyer
TRC- Dallas Field Office NE
6500 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75206
(214) 692-1665

Roger Peterson
TRC - San Antonio Sales
8610 Broadway, Suite 425
San Antonio, TX 78217
(210) 822-9886

Marilyn Zinsmeyer
TRC - North McAllen Field Office
5305 North McCall
McAllen, TX 78504
(210) 687-1124

William van Smith
TRC-Irving
1636 W Irving Road
Suite 100
Irving, TX 75061
(214) 692-1665

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
PO Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 463-5739
(512) 463-5746 TDD/TTY

Contact: Virginia Roberts, Executive Director

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Utah

Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
250 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 538-7530 Voice/TDD

Contact: R. Blaine Peterson, Ed.D.,
Executive Director

Client Assistance Program
Legal Center for People with Disabilities
455 East 400 South, Suite 410
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
(801) 363-1347
(800) 662-9080

Contact: Nancy Friel, CAP Coordinator

Statewide Independent Living Council
1800 Southwest Temple Street
Suite 317
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Chairperson: Nancy Wagner

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
120 North 200 West, Room 201
PO Box 45500
Salt Lake City UT 84103
(801) 538-7781 Voice
(801) 538-4192 TDD/TTY

Contact: Sherry Repscher, Director

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Vermont

Vocational Rehabilitation Division
Agency of Human Services
Osgood Building, Waterbury Complex
103 S Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2186

Contact: Diane Dalmasse, Director

Client Assistance Program
PO Box 1367
Burlington, VT 04502
(802) 863-2881
(800) 747-5022

Contact: Judy Dixon, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
RR #2, Box 190
Springfield, VT 05156
(802) 546-4587

Co-Chairperson: Indgid Anderson

123 Walnut Street
Rutland, VT 05701
(802) 786-5080

Co-Chairperson: Dan Gilman

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
c/o Vermont DD Council
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-0206
(802) 241-2612 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Thomas Pourbard, Administrator

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Virginia

Department of Rehabilitative Services
8004 Franklin Farms Drive
PO Box K300
Richmond, VA 23288
(804) 367-1641

Contact: Robert Vaughn, Commissioner

Client Assistance Program
Department for Rights of Virginians with Disabilities
202 North Ninth Street, 9th floor
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 225-2042
(800) 552-3962

Contact: Sandra K. Reen, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
Blue Ridge ILC
1502-D Williams Road NE
Roanoke, VA 24012
(540) 342-1231

Chairperson: Karen Michalski

The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities
PO Box 613
Richmond, VA 23205-0613
(804) 786-0016 Voice/TDD/TTY
(800) 846-4464 Voice/TDD/TTY (Virginia Only)

Contact: Brian S. Parsons, Acting Director

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Washington

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Social & Health Services
PO Box 45340
Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 438-8000

Contact: Jeanne Munro, Director

Client Assistance Program
2531 Rainier Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144
(206) 721-5999
(800) 544-2121 (State of Washington Only)

Contact: Jerry Johnsen, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
Disability Resource Center
Washington State University
Cleveland 57
Pullman, WA 99164-2105
(509) 335-1726

Chairperson: Marshall Mitchell

Providence Chehalis Rehabilitation Program
Contact: Sally S. Villas, RN
500 SE Washington Ave
PO Box 1507
Chehalis, WA 98532-9990
(360) 748-4444

They report that 5-10 American Indians/Alaska Natives with severe disabilities received services at their facility during the past year. They provide a number of in-patient and out-patient rehabilitation services, including referrals to VR/IL counselors.

The Rehabilitation Center
Contact: Leslie Newsham
St. Joseph Hospital & Health Care Center
1718 South I Street
PO Box 2197
Tacoma, WA 98401
(206) 591-6761

They report that 5-10 American Indians/Alaska Natives with severe disabilities received services at their facility during the past year. They provide a broad range of in-patient, out-patient, and home health rehabilitation services.

Colville Confederated Tribes
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 150
Nespelem, WA 99155
(509) 634-8842

Contact: Marie Covington, Project Director

Yakima Indian Nation
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Human Services Department
PO Box 151
Toppenish, WA 98948
(509) 865-5121, ext. 541

Contact: Roger Fiander, Project Director

Northwest Washington Inter-tribal Education and Training Board
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
PO Box 460
Darrington, WA 98241
(360) 436-0345
(800) 206-4360

Contact: Cindy Dodd, Project Director

South Puget Intertribal Planning
American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services
SE 2750 Old Olympic Highway
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 426-3990

Contact: Carol Cordova, Project Director

National American Indian Environmental Illness Foundation
PO Box 1039
Longbeach, WA 98631
(360) 665-3913

Contact: Terri Hansen

The National American Indian Environmental Illness Foundation was established in 1994 by American Indians. Our mission is to serve as an information network for native people with chemically induced neuroimmunoendocrine disorders of the nervous, respiratory, gastrointestinal and musculo-skeletal system, including chronic fatigue/immune dysfunction syndrome, multiple chemical sensitivity, fybromyalgia syndrome, environmental illness, Gulf War syndrome, sick building syndrome, neurotoxity, chemical "allergies", and chemically induced diseases including lupus, porphyria, arthritis, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and depression.

The National American Indian Environmental Illness Foundation is compiling a list of Indian Health Service (IHS) and non-IHS physicians and practitioners knowledgeable about the disorders. If you know of a medical practitioner who should be included on this list, please send their name and address. You may be helping a future person with environmental illness in your area. For a listing of these physicians, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the National American Indian Environmental Illness Foundation.

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Employment Services Division
Employment Security Bldg., MS:6000
PO Box 9046
Olympia, WA 98507-9046
(360) 438-3168
(360) 438-3167 TDD/TTY
(800) 833-6388

Contact: Marlene Davis

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West Virginia

Division of Rehabilitation Services
State Board of Rehabilitation
PO Box 5090
State Capital Complex
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 766-4601

Contact: William C. Derian, Director

Client Assistance Program
West Virginia Advocates, Inc.
Litton Bldg., 4th Floor
1207 Quarrier Street
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 346-0847 or (800) 950-5250

Contact: Susan Edwards, Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
Mountain State CIL, Inc.
914 1/2 Fifth Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 525-3324

Chairperson: Ann Weeks

Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
Division of Rehabilitation Services
State Capitol Building
PO Box 50890
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-3408
(304) 558-6328 TTY

Contact: Judy Reed, District One Manager

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Wisconsin

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Work Force Development
2917 International Lane
PO Box 7852
Madison, WI 57307-7852
(608) 243-5603 (Norman-Nunnery)
(608) 243-5648 (Zimbars)
(608) 243-5601 TDD

Contact: Judy Norman-Nunnery, Ph.D., Administrator
Dwayne Zimbars, Supervisor of the Planning Unit

Client Assistance Program
Governor's Commission for People with Disabilities
1 W Wilson Street, Room 558
PO Box 7850
Madison, WI 53707-7852
(608) 267-5378 (Yochum)
(608) 267-7422 (Vegoe)
(608) 267-5016 (Lujoy)
(800) 362-1290 (Wisconsin only)

Contact: Paul Yochum, CAP Director
Linda Vegoe, CAP Coordinator
Larry Lajoie, Complaint Investigator

Independent Living Services of North Central Wisconsin
1710 West Stewart Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401-5379
(715) 842-4805
(800) 644-4805 Voice/TTY

Contact: Sharon Hjella,
Executive Director

This CIL services an 11 county area in north central Wisconsin which includes three tribal reservations: Lac Du Flambeau Chippewa, Forest Count Potawatomi, and Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa. Additionally, there are a significant number of Winnebago who reside in the southern portion of this area. They presently serve some (5-20) American Indians, who constitute about 8-10% of their IL caseload. About half of these received services on a reservation. Native Americans have been recruited to serve on their Board of Directors and Advisory Board. Staff are encouraged to attend pow-wows, participate in talking circles, and interact with Native American communities. They also plan to recruit and hire a Native American community resource specialist soon.

Services Provided

- Service coordination
- Assistive device training
- Home accessibility assessment
- Consumer information programs
- Social & recreational services
- ✣ Independent living skills training
- ✣ Information and referral
- ✣ Peer counseling
- ✣ Individual & systems advocacy
- Community advocacy
- Housing services
- Family advocacy
- Rehabilitation technology

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Independent Living Program
Curative Rehabilitation Center
PO Box 8027
Green Bay, WI 54308
(414) 468-1161 ext. 183

Contact: Katherine Barry, Client Services Coordinator

This is a state administered IL program (Title VII Part B) which is part of the Curative Rehabilitation Center. It has provided IL services to some (5-20) American Indians during the past year, amounting to 2% of their caseload. Of these, .5% received services on a reservation, and 1.5% received off-reservation services. They serve a 17 county area in northeast Wisconsin. The Independent Living Program staff assist individuals having severe physical, developmental and sensory disability to live as independently as their abilities permit. ILP staff have provided service to some (5-20) American Indians during the past year. ILP serves a 17 count area in northeast Wisconsin.

Services Provided

Housing referrals
Assistive technology assessment and tryout
- Independent living skills training
- Information and referral
- Peer counseling
- Individual & systems advocacy

Rehabilitation technology
Public education
Home assessment

Statewide Independent Living Council
Deb Wisniewski c/o SILC
PO Box 7850
Madison, WI 53707-7850
(608) 266-7797 Deb Wisniewski, SILC Coordinator

Chairperson: Karen Hodgson
Ad Hoc: Gerald Weso (Menomonee)

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities
Client Assistance Program
PO Box 7850
Madison, WI 53707-7852
(608) 266-5378 Voice/TTY

Contact: Paul Yochum, Executive Director

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Wyoming

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Department of Employment
1100 Herschler Bldg.
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7385 Voice/TDD

Contact: Gary W. Child, Administrator

Client Assistance Program
Wyoming P & A System, Inc.
2424 Pioneer Avenue, Suite 101
Cheyenne, WY
(307) 638-7668
(307) 632-3496 TDD
(800) 821-3091

Contact: Jeanne Thoero, Executive Director

Statewide Independent Living Council
PO Box 228
Powell, WY 82435
(307) 754-7179

Chairperson: Betty Jo Burgess

LIFE Center, Inc.
Living Independently for Equality
150 Wyoming Street, Suite 10
Lander, WY 82520
(307) 332-4889 Voice/TTY
(800) 266-3061 clients only

Contact: Carol Fontain, Director
Gay McDonald, IL Specialist
Rose Devinney, JTPA Trainee on Reservation

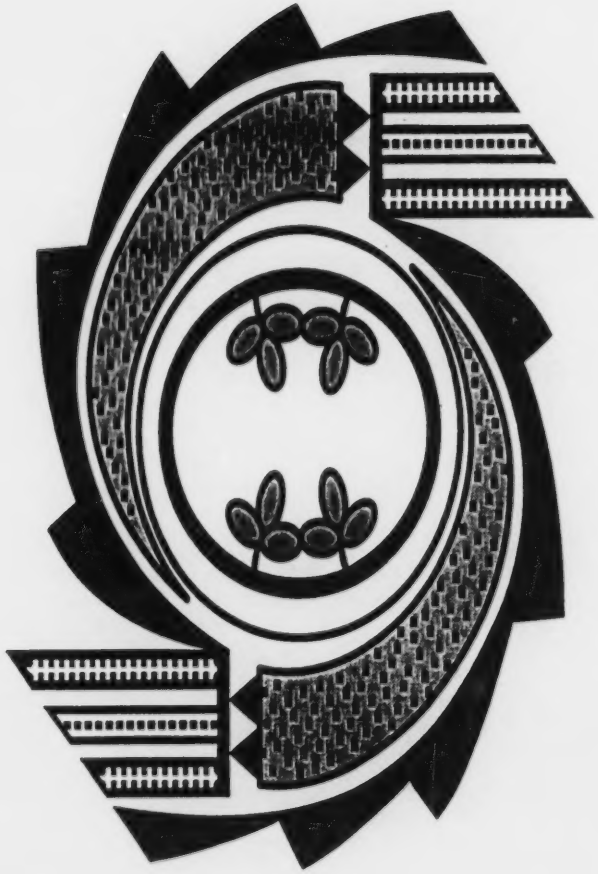
This is a non-profit CIL which provided IL services to about 47 American Indians in the past year. Ms. Devinney's caseload consists of 100% American Indians, several received services on a reservation. Their District I (307-332-3056) includes the Wind River Reservation (Shoshone-Arapaho). Service area is in the 10 western counties of Wyoming to enable people with severe disabilities to live independently. Services include:

Services Provided

- ✣ Information and referral
- ✣ Peer counseling
- ✣ Advocacy services
- Adaptive equipment and housing modifications
- ✣ Independent Living Skills

Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped
1st Floor - East Wing
Herschler Building, Room 1126
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7191 Voice/TDD/TTY

Contact: Woodrow Absher, Director



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Toll Free Numbers for Disability Related Agencies

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Note: 800 numbers do not work from the organization's local area. See the listing in this directory for details and for local telephone numbers. 800 numbers are offered by an organization to increase it accessibility.

Ability Access, Inc
800/858-5116

ABLEDATA Database Program
800/227-0216

Ablenet, Inc.
800/322-0956

Access to Respite Care and Help (ARCH)
800/472-1727

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)
800/874-2572 (V)
800/243-7012 (TT)

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
800/442-4525 (Meeting Information:Canada)

Alliance of Genetic Support Groups
800/336-GENE

Alzheimer's Association
800/272-3900

Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center
800/438-4380

American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE)
800/338-3633

American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)
800/749-2257

American Athletic Association of the Deaf (AAAD)
800/346-4128 (voice relay in Utah only)

American Burn Association
800/548-2876

American Cancer Society (ACS)
800/ACS-2345

American Communities
800/998-9999
800/877-8339 (TT)

American Council of the Blind (ACB)
800/424-8666 (3-5:30 EST)

American Diabetes Association, Inc. (ADA)
800/232-3472

American Heart Association (AHA)
800/242-8721 (for connection with local offices)

American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA)
800/634-1603

American Kidney Fund, Inc.
800/638-8299

American Kinesiotherapy Association
800/296-AKTA

American Leprosy Mission International (ALM International)
800/873-3131

American Library Association (ALA)
800/545/2433

The American Liver Foundation
800/223-0179

American Lung Association (ALA)
800/LUNG-USA

The American Lupus Society (TALS)
800/331-1802

American Paralysis Association (APA)
800/526-3456
201/379-2690 (in New Jersey)

American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA)
800/223-2732

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
800/999-2782

American Printing House for the Blind (APH)
800/223-1839

American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)
800/942-2932 (V/TT)

American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (ASPRS)
800/635-0635 (Plastic Surgeon Referral Service)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
800/638-8255

Americans with Disabilities Act Technical Assistance Initiative
800/949-4232 (V/TT)

American Syringomyelia Alliance Project, Inc. (ASAP)
800/ASAP-282

American Trauma Society (ATS)
800/556-7890

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association (ALSA)
800/782-4747

Apple Computer, Inc.
800/776-2333

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB)
800/872-2253 (V/TT)
800/USA-ABLE (V/TT)

Association on Mental Retardation
800/ 424-3688

Association for Retarded Citizens
800/ 433-5255

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA)
800/7-ASTHMA

AT&T Accessible Communications Products Center (ACPC)
800/233-1222 (V/TT)

Battens Disease Support and Research Association (BDSRA)
800/448-4570

Beach Center on Families and Disability
800/854-4938

Beckwith-Wiedemann Support Network (BWSN)
800/837-2976 (parents only)

Better Hearing Institute (BHI)
800/EAR-WELL

Blind Children's Center (BCC)
800/222-3566 (Outside California)
800/222-3567 (California)

Blinded Veterens Association (BVA)
800/669-7079

Brain Injury Association, Inc. (BIA)/National Head Injury Foundation, Inc. (NHIF)
800/444-NHIF

Breaking New Ground Resource Center
800/822-4264 (V/TT)

Bulimia Anorexia Self Help/Behavior Adaptation Support and Healing (BASH)
800/762-3334
800/227-4785

The Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation (CCCF)
800/366-2223
800/237-6243 (V/TT)

CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse
800/458-5231 (V)
800/243-7012 (TT)

CDC National AIDS Hotline
800/342-2437 (V)
800/243-7889 (TT)

Center for Consumer Healthcare Information (CCHI)
800/627-2244

Center for Rehabilitation Technology (CRT)
800/726-9119 (V/TT)

Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information
800/FYI-3366 (outside Washington, DC metro area)

Cleft Plate Foundation
800/24-CLEFT

Comprehensive Advocacy, Inc. (Co-Ad)
800/632-5125 (V/TT)

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation (CdLS Foundation)
800/223-8355

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI)
800/733-2258

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Inc. (CCFA)
800/343-3637

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF)
800/344-4823

The Deafness Research Foundation
800/535-DEAF (V/TT)

Descriptive Video Service (DVS)
800/333-1203

Devereux Referral Assistance
800/345-1292, ext. 3045

"Dial a Hearing Screening Test" (DAHST)
800/222-EARS
215/544-7700 (Canada only)

Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs)
800/949-4232 (V/TT)
800/949-4ADA

The EAR Foundation at Baptist Hospital
800/545-HEAR (V/TT)

Epilipsy Foundation of America (EFA)
800/332-1000(patient information & referral)
800/332-4050(National Epilepsy Library)
800/332-2070 (TT)

ERIC Clearinghouse on Counseling and Student Services (CASS)
800/414-9769

ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education (ERIC/EC) Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
800/328-0272

Estate Planning for the Disabled
800/ 448-1071

Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse
800/343-3442

Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
800/886-1762

Family Survival Project (California Only)
800/ 445-8106

The Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA)
800/445-8106 (California only)

The Feingold Association of the United States (FAUS)
800/321-FAUS

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
800/223-0624

Glaucoma Research Foundation
800/826-6693

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind
800/548-4337

HEATH Resource Center
(800) 544-3284

HEALTHSOUTH Corporation
800/768-0018

Hearing Information Center
800/622-EARS

HEAR NOW
800/648-4327

Higher Education and Adult Training for People with Disabilities (HEATH) Resource Center
800/544-324 (Outside Washington, DC)
202/939-9320 (V/TT)

Home Builders Institute
800/795-7955

HUD USER
800/245-2691 (V)
800/877-8339 (TT)

Human Growth Foundation (HGF)
800/451-6434

Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA)
800/345-4372

IBM National Support Centr for Persons with Disabilities
800/ 426-2133
800/ 284-9482 (TDD)

IBM Special Needs Systems
800/426-4832 (V)
800/426-4833 (TT)

Immune Deficiancy Foundation (IDF)
800/296-4433

Independent Living Research Utilization Program (ILRU)
800/949-4232

Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)
800/336-4474

International Hearing Society
800/521-5247

International Lutheran Deaf Association (ILDA)
800/433-3954 (V/TT)

International Rett Syndrome Association (IRSA)
800/818-RETT

Job Accomodation Network
800/JAN-7234
800/JAN-4698 (in WV)

Job Accomodation Network (JAN)
800/526-7234 (U.S. only, V/TT)
800/526-2262 (Canada only)

Job Opportunities for the Blind (JOB)
800/638-7518

John Tracy Clinic
800/522-4582 (V/TT)

"Just Say No" International
800/258-2766

Library Services to the Deaf Forum (LSDF)
800/545-2433

The Lighthouse Inc.
800/334-5497 (V)

Living and Learning Resource Centre (LLRC)
800/833-1996

Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.
800/558-0121

Lutheran Library for the Blind
800/433-3754

Modern Talking Picture Services, Inc.
800/ 237-6213

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation (MGF)
800/541-5454

National Adult Literacy and Learning Disabilities Center (National ALLDCenter)
800/953-ALLD (2553)

National AIDS Information Clearinghouse
800/ 342-2437
800/ 344-7432 Spanish
800/ 243-7889 (TDD)

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
800/950-NAMI

National Alliance of Blind Students (NABS)
800/424-8666

National Amputee Golf Association (NAGA)
800/633-6242

National Aphasia Association (NAA)
800/922-4622

National Association for Hearing and Speech Action (NAHSA)
800/638-8266 (V/TT)

National Association for the Craniofacially Handicapped (FACES)
800/3FACES3)

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD)
800/331-5362

National Audiovisual Center
800/234-8861

National Brain Injury and Family Helpline
800/ 444-6443

National Cancer Institute (NCI)
800/422-6237

National Captioning Institute, Inc. (NCI)
800/533-9673 (V)
800/321-8337 (V/TT)

National Center for Research in Vocational Education (NCRVE)
800/762-4093

National Center for Stuttering (NCS)
800/221-2483

National Christian Resource Center on Mental Retardation
800/369-4636, ext. 284

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information
800/729-6686
800/487-4889 (TT)

National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials (NCHRTM)
800/233-5219

National Clearinghouse on Family Support and Children's Mental Health
800/628-1696 (V)

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD)
800/NCA-CALL

National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association
800/826-3632

National Eye Care Project (NECP)
800/222-3937

National Hospice Organization (NHO)
800/658-8898 (Hospice referral and Information only)

The National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who are Deaf-Blind (DB-LINK)
800/438-9376
800/854-7013 (TT)

National Down Syndrome Congress (NDSC)
800/232-6372

National Fragile X Foundation
800/688-8765

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)
800/695-0285 (V/TT)

National Information System for Vietnam Veterans and their Families (NISVV)
800/922-9234 ext. 401 (V/TT)

National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS)
800/221-4602 (V)

National Headache Foundation (NHF)
800/843-2256

National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR)
800/272-4787

The National Instutute for Rehabilitation Engineering (NIRE)
800/736-2216 ext. 859

National Easter Seal Society (NESS)
800/221-6827

The National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF)
800/42-HANDI
(Information center)

National Information Clearinghouse for Infants with Disabilities & Life-Threatening Conditions
800/922-9234 ext.201 (V/TT)
800/922-1107 (South Carolina Only)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
800/352-9424

National Empowerment Center
800/769-3728

National Institute on Human Resources and Aging
800/647-8233

National Kidney Foundation (NKF)
800/622-9010

National Lekotek Center
800/366-PLAY

National Library of Medicine (NLM)
800/-272-4787

National Lymphedema Network (NLN)
800/541-3259

The National Marfan Foundation (NMF)
800/8-MARFAN

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)
800/969-NMHA

National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse
800/553-4539

National Mental Health Institute on Deafness, Inc.
800/752-7345 (V/TT)

National Multiple Sclerosis Society
800/344-4867 (Monday-Thursday, 11 am to 5 pm EST)

National Neurofibromatosis Foundation (NNFF)
800/323-7938 (V/TT)

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
800/999-NORD

National Organization on Disability (NOD)
800/248-ABLE

National Parkinson Foundation
800/327-4545
800/433-7022

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)
800/346-2742 (V/TT)

National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness
800/444-7415

National Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation (RP Foundation Fighting Blindness)
800/683-5555
800/683-5551 (TT)

National Reye's Syndrome Foundation (NRSF)
800/233-7393

National Society to Prevent Blindness (NSPB)
800/331-2020

National Spinal Cord Injury Hotline (SCIH)
800/526-9629

National Stroke Association (NSA)
800/STROKES

National Stuttering Project (NSP)
800/364-1677

Neurofibromatosis, Inc. (NF, Inc.)
800/942-6825

North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA)
800/369-7433

Orton Dyslexia Society
800/222-3123

Office on Smoking and Health (OSH) Technical Information Center (TIC)
800/CDC-1311
(Promotional materials hotline)

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
800/424-8200 (V)
800/795-4327 (TT)

Parents Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK)
800/222-7585 (MT only)

Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Inc. (PDF)
800/457-6676

Parkinson's Educational Program
800/344-7872

Pediatric Projects, Inc. (PPI)
800/947-0947

Peterson's Guides
800/338-3282

The Perspectives Network (TPN)
800/685-6302

The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Inc.
800/888-BURN (toll-free for burn survivors)

Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation (PKRF)
800/753-2873

PsycINFO
800/374-2722 (V)

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Inc. (book orders only)
800/221-4792

Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (RCEPs)
800/877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Service)

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology Evaluation and Transfer
800/628-2281 (TT)

Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health
800/628-1696 (V)

Research and Training Center on Rural Rehabilitation Services
800/732-0323

Resource Center on Substance Abuse Prevention and Disability--VSA Educational Service
800/628-8442

Rural Information Center (RIC)
800/633-7701

Scleroderma Federation
800/422-1113

Short Stature Foundation
800/24-DWARF

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (SCDAA)
800/421-8453

The Simon Foundation of Continence
800/23 SIMON

Social Security Administration (SSA)
800/772-1213 (V)
800/325-0778 (TDD)

Sociological Abstracts, Inc. (SAI)
800/752-3945

Spina Bifida Association of America (SBAA)
800/621-3141

Spinal Cord Injury Network International (SCINI)
800/548-2673

Spinal Network
800/543-4116

Stuttering Foundation of America (SFA)
800/992-9392

Stuttering Resource Foundation
800/232-4773

TASH
800/800-JUST (V)

Technical Assistance for Parent Programs (TAPP)
800/331-0688 (in state only)

Tele-Consumer Hotline
800/332-1124 (V/TT)

Tourette Syndrome Association (TSA)
800/237-0717

TRIPOD GRAPEVINE
800/352-8888 (V/TT)
800/2-TRIPOD (V/TT Calif. Only)

Turner's Syndrome Society of the United States (TSS-US)

United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc. (UCPA)
800/USA-5UCP

United Leukodystrophy Foundation (ULF)
800/728-5483

United Scleroderma Foundation, Inc. (USF)
800/722-HOPE(For New Inquiries Only)

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
800/669-3362 (V) For free publications
800/800-3302 (TT)
800/669-4000 (V) For technical assistance

Vermont Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center in Low-Back Pain
800/527-7320
(nationwide, except in Vermont)

Vestibular Disorders Association (VEDA)
800/837-8428

VISION Foundation, Inc.
800/852-3029
(Massachusetts only)

Visiting Nurse Associations of America (VNAA)
800/426-2547

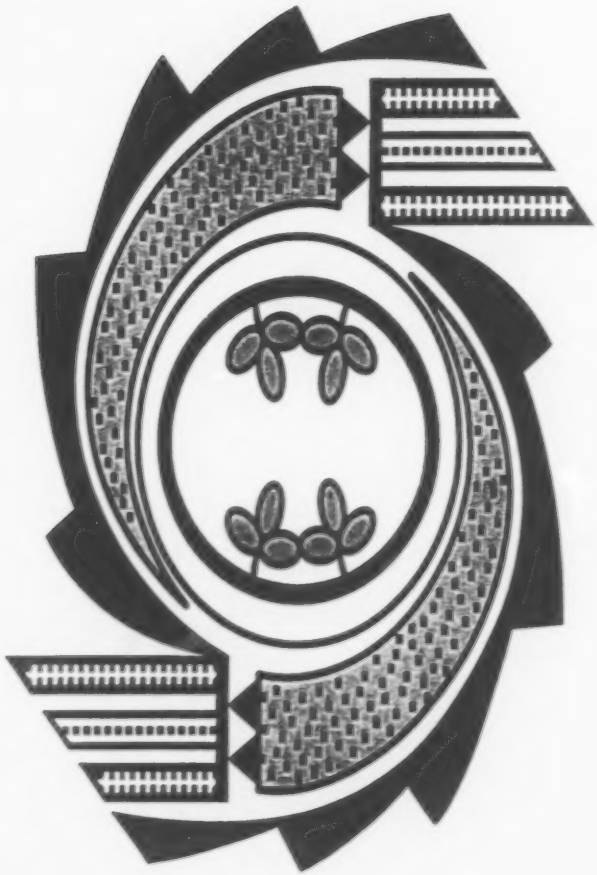
Von Hippel-Lindau Family Alliance
800/767-4VHL

Walk Easy, Inc.
800/441-2904

Wegener's Granulomatosis Support Group, Inc. (WGSG)
800/277-WGSG

Wilderness Inquiry
800/728-0719 (V)

Zain Hansen MPS Foundation
800/767-3121



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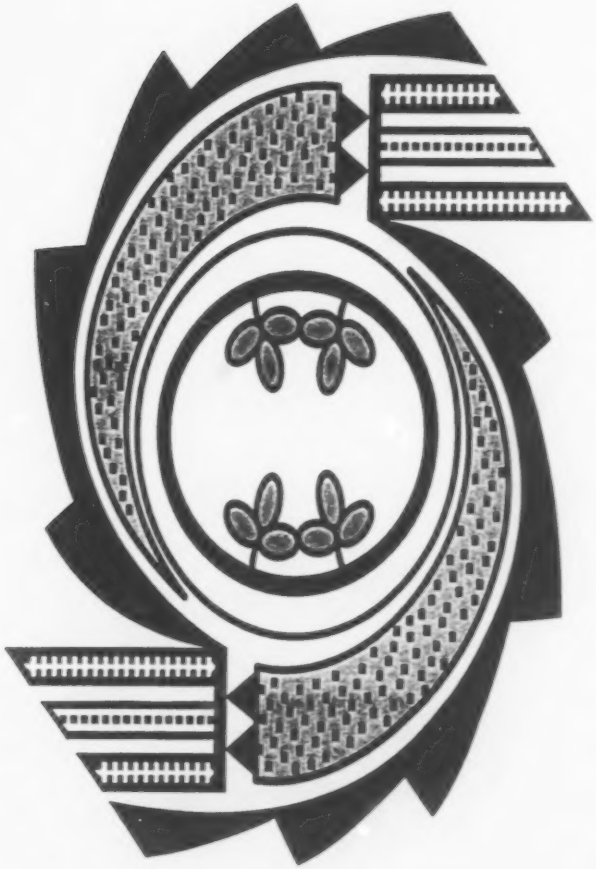

Appendix B
Legal Definitions

Center for Independent Living

The term 'center for independent living' means a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, nonresidential private nonprofit agency that

- is designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities
- provides an array of independent living services

[29 USC 796a; P.L. 102-569, 106 STAT. 4443]

Independent Living Core Services

The term 'independent living services' means

- information and referral services
- independent living skills training
- peer counseling (including cross-disability peer counseling)
- individual and systems advocacy

[P.L. 102-569, 106 STAT. 4353, re 29 USC 706(29)]

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Independent Living Services

The term 'independent living services' includes

- independent living core services
- (i) counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services
  (ii) services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities)
  (iii) rehabilitation technology
  (iv) mobility training
  (v) services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services

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(vi) personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing such service

(vii) surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services

(viii) consumer information programs on rehabilitation and independent living services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act

(ix) education and training necessary for living in a community and participating in community activities

(x) supported living

(xi) transportation, including referral and assistance for such transportation

(xii) physical rehabilitation

(xiii) therapeutic treatment

(xiv) provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices

(xv) individual and group social and recreational services

(xvi) training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options

(xvii) services for children

(xviii) services under Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance, of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities

(xix) appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals

assisted under this Act for similar services in the future

(xx) community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration into society of individuals with disabilities; and

(xxi) such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act

[P.L. 102-569, 106 STAT. 4353-4, cf. 29 USC 706(30)]

Individual With a Severe Disability

For the purposes of title VII, the term 'individual with a severe disability' means an individual with a severe physical or mental impairment whose ability to function independently in the family or community or whose ability to obtain, maintain, or advance in employment is substantially limited and for whom the delivery of independent living services will improve the ability to function, continue functioning, or move towards functioning independently in the family or community or to continue in employment, respectively.

[P.L. 102-569, 106 STAT. 4350, cf. 29 USC 706(15)]

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Please update any necessary changes to your listing in the *Resource Manual* on this page. This form is a self-addressed mailer--please fold, secure closed and attach stamp before mailing. Or you may FAX this update sheet to (520) 523-9127, attention Priscilla Sanderson. The AIRRTC staff appreciates your time in completing this form.

State _____
1996 Agency name _____

Agency is no longer in operation ❒ New name or address (list below) ❒
New agency name _____
New agency address _____
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New telephone number (Voice) _____
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New contact person(s) and title _____

Add new services provided _____
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Delete services provided _____
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Enclose/fax your organization's brochure.
If your organization has provided IL services to at least 10 American Indians/ Alaska Natives with severe disabilities, please complete the information below. An AIRRTC staff person will call you for details.

Agency name _____
Contact name and title _____
Address _____
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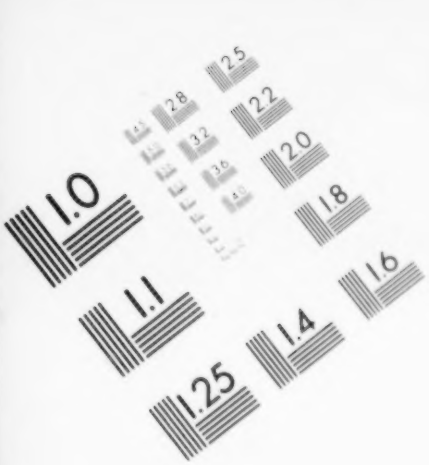

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Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
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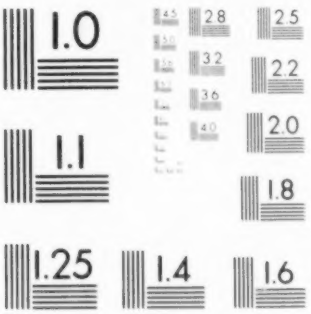

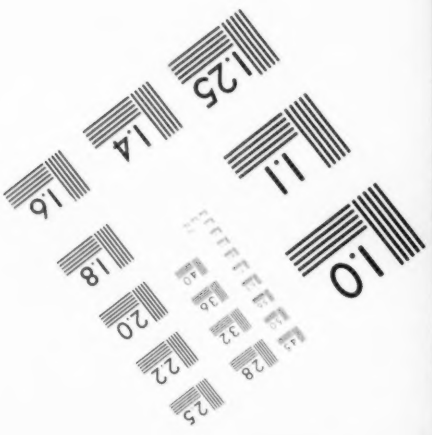

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